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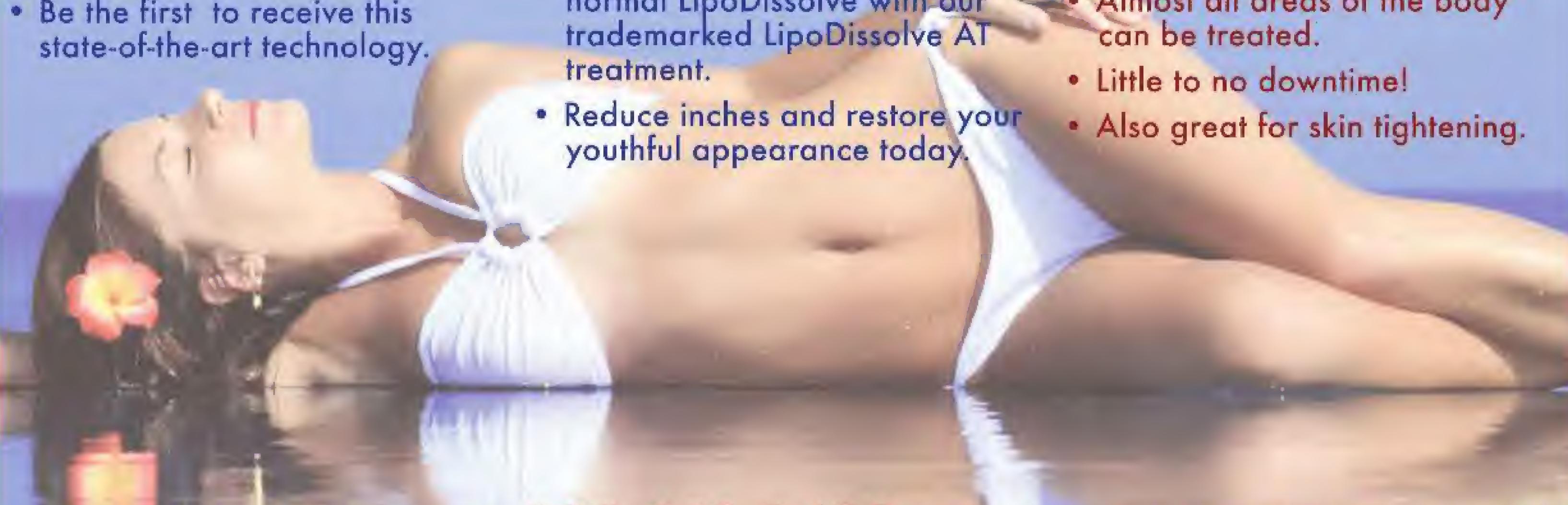
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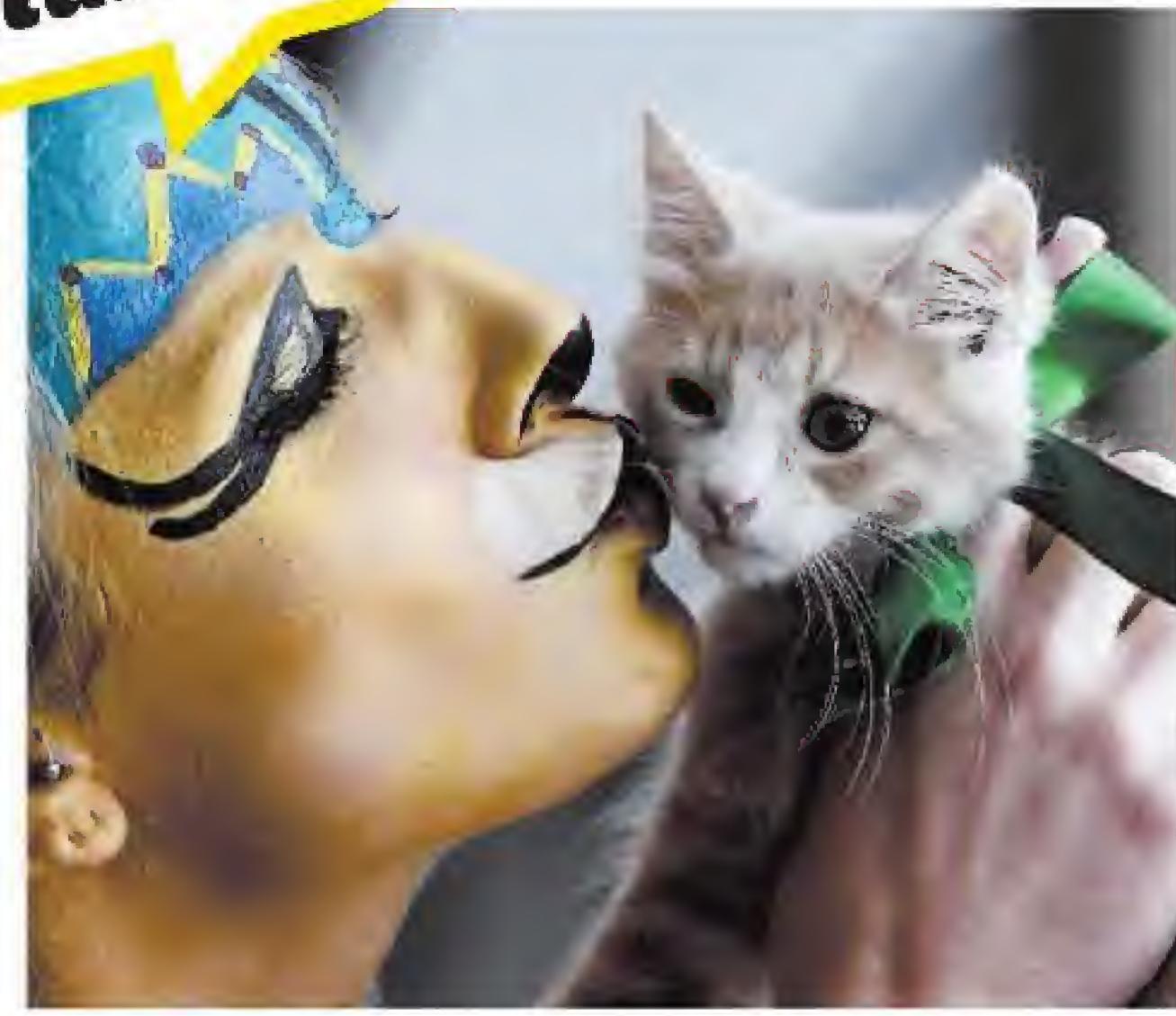
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Wednesday's winner »
"Heeere middle class, middle class, middle class." — Ian Kirksey



Random dilemma

We asked. You responded. Here are the results from Wednesday's Random Dilemma, in which we asked if you would rather lose your car keys or get locked out of the house. Cheers!

34% **66%**

Lose your car keys

Get locked out of the house

HERE'S ANOTHER: Which would you rather do? Text "random" and the number of your response to 47383. You'll get the poll results instantly.

1. Use Chewbacca's toothbrush
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» Do you have an idea for our Random Dilemma? Send it to ritaredeye@tribune.com.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

Party cloudy—and it's getting cooler



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A little rain?



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Partly cloudy



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A few clouds

U.S. has long road ahead

Economists: Country faces deep recession

Associated Press

NEW YORK The U.S. has not endured a deep and prolonged recession in more than a quarter century—enough time for many Americans to forget what one feels like.

But unlike the last two relatively short recessions, this one could be much longer and more severe, potentially bringing with it anxiety and job losses not seen in many years.

"In thinking about recessions, people will naturally think back to the last couple" in the early 1990s and in 2001, said Paul Ashworth, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics in Toronto. "What they should be looking back at is further."

That requires dredging up memories of the economic slides in the 1970s, when an Arab oil embargo starved the nation of energy, and the early 1980s, when unemployment and inflation soared.

The last recession—coinciding with the collapse of the tech stock bubble and the terrorist attacks of 2001—lasted just eight months. It was known more for the slow "jobless" recovery that followed than for the depth of the downturn.

Many economists agree that the nation won't be so fortunate this time.

"I don't think we can escape damage to the real economy," former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker said this week. "I think we almost inevitably face a considerable recession."

Current Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke delivered a more measured, but similarly grave assessment to economists, saying the financial turmoil "may well



President Bush on Wednesday defends his plan to inject billions of dollars into American banks. **GETTY IMAGES**

lengthen the period of weak economic performance and further increase the risks to growth."

The signs of stress are starting to show: The U.S.

has lost 760,000 jobs since late last year, and retail sales in September plunged 1.2 percent, the largest drop in three years.

733.08

8,577

Dow drop

Despair over the economy sent Wall Street plunging again Wednesday, propelling the Dow Jones industrials to their second-largest point loss ever.

The Dow is down about 733 at the 8,577 level. On Sept. 29, the Dow had its largest point drop, 777.68.

Stocks fell on a combination of disheartening economic data, including a big drop in retail sales and a Federal Reserve report that said tight credit conditions are hurting businesses across the country.

The downbeat data has convinced investors that the nation, if not already in a recession, is moving toward one.

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Price listed on the sign for a gallon of premium fuel

\$0.349

Price per gallon at the pump

\$8.85

Amount Kelly Joosten paid to fill up her 1998 Ford Expedition

\$100

Amount a tank of gas usually costs Joosten



Sure, gas prices have come down. But to 34.9 cents a gallon? That's what dozens of motorists paid at a Citgo station in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., on Monday, because of incorrect pricing at the pump. **AP**

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MARK BAZER

Vote for industry of plastic crap

In less than three weeks, U.S. voters will cast their ballots for the U.S. presidency. For many of us, our No. 1 concern on Nov. 4 will be the economy, specifically what effect the depressed housing market is having on the marriages of husband-and-wife real estate agent teams.

But how much can a new president actually affect the economy? Some economists say very little—that the well-being of any economy is cyclical, that the market needs time to stabilize, that even a dramatic comeback this holiday shopping season by the Furby won't help.

In short, the economy, like viewers of "The Steve Wilkos Show," doesn't know and doesn't care who's president.

Still, there are some ways in which everyone agrees the upcoming election pitting Barack Obama against John McCain and Ralph Nader against What's Left of His Reputation could have an immediate impact on some vital sectors of the economy.

For starters, the T-shirt industry has been heavily banking on an Obama victory, with 85 percent of all T-shirts printed this year saying either "Barack 'n' Roll" or "Barack Is My Homeboy." Needless to say, if Obama loses, the repercussions for both Urban Outfitters and Afrocentric gift shops will be dire.

We'd be hit especially hard here in Chicago, where we're still reeling from a sharp downturn during the second half of the baseball season in sales of affectionate-but-still-very-racist Kosuke Fukudome memorabilia.

On the flip side, if McCain is victorious, expect Sarah Palin eyeglasses to keep flying off the shelves. On the other hand, if McCain loses, the psychiatric community will financially benefit, as those who bought Palin glasses will hopefully face reality and get the help they need.

The travel industry also has a lot at stake this election. Many Americans enjoy visiting the place from which their president hails (unless it's Crawford, Texas). So, if McCain wins, Arizona tourism will get a boost. That's fine, but travel agents and Web sites all are praying for an Obama victory—and thus increased vacation bookings to Chicago, Hawaii, Indonesia, Kansas, Kenya and the Heavens.

The breakdown of how other industries would benefit is more obvious. If Obama wins, that's good for three-ring binder makers; if McCain wins, eraser manufacturers benefit. If Obama wins, orange producers celebrate; a McCain victory will bring much joy to pear growers. And the list, well-known to all of us, goes on.

Perhaps, though, it's best to end on a nonpartisan note.

Regardless of which candidate wins, the economy should improve at least a little bit on Inauguration Day, as we see a huge boon for the makers of mugs, rulers and placemats featuring pictures of the heads of all the presidents—and then the trickle-down effects of that on the rest of the economy. (For you history buffs out there, this explains why the pictures-of-presidents'-heads-on-various-crap industry was such a powerful lobby for the 22nd Amendment mandating presidential term limits.)

So, please vote on Nov. 4. The last thing our troubled economy needs is no one at all voting and George W. Bush having to remain in office. **MARK BAZER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**



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Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama (center) answers a question while Republican presidential candidate John McCain awaits his turn to reply during Wednesday's debate. (AP)

ONE LAST STAND

MCCAIN, OBAMA SQUARE OFF ON THE ECONOMY, THE BAILOUT AND JOE THE PLUMBER

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. John McCain assailed Barack Obama's character and his campaign positions on taxes, abortion and more Wednesday night, hoping to turn their final presidential debate into a launching pad for a political comeback. "You didn't tell the American people the truth," he said.

Unruffled, and ahead in the polls, Obama parried each charge, and leveled a few of his own.

"One hundred percent, John, of your ads 100 percent of them have been negative, Obama shot back in an uncommonly personal debate less than three weeks from Election

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"It's not true," McCain retorted.

"It is true," said Obama, seeking the last word.

McCain is currently running all negative ads, according to a study by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. But he has run a number of positive ads during the campaign.

The 90-minute encounter, at a round table at Hofstra University, was their third debate, and marked the beginning of a 20-day sprint to Election Day. Obama leads in the national polls and in surveys in many battleground states, an advantage built in the weeks since the nation stumbled into the greatest eco-

nomic crisis since the Great Depression.

With few exceptions, the campaign is being waged in states that voted Republican in 2004—Virginia, Colorado, Iowa—and in many of them, Obama holds a lead in the polls.

McCain played the aggressor from the opening moments of the debate, accusing Obama of waging class warfare by seeking tax increases that would "spread the wealth around."

The Arizona senator also demanded to know the full extent of Obama's relationship with William Ayers, a 1960s-era terrorist and the Democrat's ties with ACORN, a liberal group accused of violating federal law.

as it seeks to register voters. And he insisted Obama disavow last week's remarks by Rep. John Lewis, a Democrat, who accused the Republican ticket of playing racial politics along the same lines as segregationists of the past.

Struggling to escape the political drag of an unpopular Republican incumbent, McCain also said, "Sen. Obama, I am not President Bush. ... You wanted to run against President Bush, you should have run four years ago."

Obama returned each volley, and brushed aside McCain's claim to full political independence.

“If I’ve occasionally mistaken your policies

How the candidates fared

We asked the coaches of two local championship high school debate programs to assess Obama and McCain. Here's how they saw the debate:

Tara L. Tate
is director of debate at Glenbrook South and president of the National Debate Coaches Association.

Richard Dempsey
is director of debate at Evanston Township High School and a teacher of history and fine arts.

for George Bush's policies, it's because on the core economic issues that matter to the American people—on tax policy, on energy policy, on spending priorities—you have been a vigorous supporter of President Bush," he said.

McCain's allegation that Obama had not leveled with the public involved the Illinois senator's decision to forgo public financing for his campaign in favor of raising his own funds. As a result, he has far outraised McCain, although the difference has been somewhat neutralized by an advantage the Republican National Committee holds over the Democratic Party.

"He signed a piece of paper" earlier in the campaign pledging to accept federal financing, McCain said. He added that Obama's campaign has spent more money than any since Watergate, a reference to President Nixon's re-election, a campaign that later became synonymous with scandal.

Obama made no immediate response to McCain's assertion about having signed a pledge to accept federal campaign funds.

Asked about running mates, both presidential candidates said Democrat Joseph Biden was qualified to become president, although McCain added this qualifier: "in many respects."

McCain passed up a chance to say his own running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, was qualified to sit in the Oval Office, though he praised her performance as governor and noted her work on behalf of special needs children. The Palins have a son born earlier this year with Down Syndrome.

Obama sidestepped when asked about Palin's qualifications to serve as president, and he, too, praised her advocacy for special needs children.

But he quickly sought to turn the issue to his advantage by noting McCain favors a spending freeze on government programs.

"I do want to just point out that autism, for example, or other special needs will require some additional funding if we're going to get serious in terms of research. ... And if we have an across-the-board spending freeze, we're not going to be able to do it," he said.

Next campaign stop: SNL

Lorne Michaels, the executive producer of "Saturday Night Live," predicts that the presidential and vice presidential candidates will stop by the comedy show before the election. He also said in a phone interview with the Tribune's Maureen Ryan that Tina Fey will return to play Gov. Sarah Palin.

"I think sooner or later, everyone will come through," Michaels said of the candidates.

As for Fey coming back to reprise her role as Gov. Palin before the election, Michaels said, "I think that's likely."

Appetizers, cocktails and a side of politics

By Kyra Kyles

REDEYE

It's no surprise that the M Lounge was crowded on Wednesday night. The intimate South Loop space only holds 50 patrons at a time, according to owner and manager Reginald Marsh.

It's the reason for the crowding, Marsh said, that was surprising. The cozy venue for live jazz and world music recently started using politics to attract more patrons.

"People are just so into these debates, so we started holding debate parties," Marsh, 44 said. He said the political partygoers arrived as early as 5 p.m. on Wednesday to watch three TV screens broadcast the final presidential debate between Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain.

M Lounge offered free appetizers and \$5 drinks on Wednesday and during previous debates, Marsh said.

He estimated 55 patrons attended Wednesday.

"The attendance has been phenomenal," Marsh said, adding that during the second presidential debate, he had to turn people away. Indeed, RedEye observed M Lounge teeming with customers nearly two hours before the debate was set to begin.

Among them were Logan Square's Jesse Altman and 26-year-old Eric Williams, who was visiting from Kansas City, Mo.

Altman, 31, and Williams said they arrived early and ordered their dinner to the lounge to save their seats.

"This is McCain's last stand," Altman said of the Wednesday face-off, proudly pointing out his clear view of one of two flat-panel TV screens above the bar. "It's fun to watch with people," Williams said.

Altman added, tapping his glass: "And it's an excuse to have a drink while you're at it."

Deena Williams, 39, said she drove from Rogers Park to watch at M Lounge with a group of her friends who reserved a special, roped-off area with a flat-screen TV of its own. The group cheered and shouted during several points of the debate.

"I usually watch at home," Williams said of the electoral spectacle. "But this is a different election. It's a lot more emotionally charged."

Plus, she added watching with friends on Wednesday made it an exciting experience even when the debate inevitably hit dull points.

"I've watched them all, but during the others, I fell asleep," Williams said, with a giggle. "This way, I know I'm going to pay a lot more attention." **KKYLES@TRIBUNE.COM**

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What your Facebook profile would look like ... if you had cooler and more powerful friends. RedEye takes a crack at the Facebook profile of Wednesday's man of the hour: Joe the Plumber. **REDEYE**

Joe the Plumber

is currently playing with CNN's magic map. at 9:42pm

News Feed **Status Updates** **Photos**

Joe the Plumber has 12,367 new friend requests.

Joe the Plumber has joined the group **Witness Protection Program**.

8 minutes ago — Comment



Joe the Plumber has been tagged in a photo with Barack Obama, right, at a recent campaign stop in Ohio.

Associated Press — Comment

Barack Obama and **John McCain** are fans of **Joe the Plumber**.

14 minutes ago — Comment



Larry the Plumber wrote on **Joe the Plumber's** wall: "Dude, so does this mean you *get the new small business* or not? I'm just saying, I can forward you a resume." 22 minutes ago — Comment

Joe the Plumber is now friends with **Joe Six-Pack**. 25 minutes ago — Comment



Sarah Palin wrote on **Joe the Plumber's** wall: "Hiya Joe. I wanna introduce ya to my friend, **Joe Six-Pack**!"

31 minutes ago — Comment

Joe the Plumber is ... GETTING WAY TOO MANY FREAKING PHONE CALLS RIGHT NOW!!! 33 minutes ago — Comment



Joe's wife wrote on **Joe the Plumber's** wall: "OMG are you watching this right now?!? And how were you at some presidential rally when I asked you THREE times to mow the lawn?"

42 minutes ago — Comment

Who is Joe the Plumber?

He's Joe Wurzelbacher, an Ohio man looking to buy a plumbing business who came to symbolize the middle class in Wednesday night's presidential debate between Barack Obama and John McCain.

Days earlier, Joe the Plumber had told Obama that the Democrat's tax plan would keep him from buying the business.

So what did Wurzelbacher (pronounced whur-zell-BAHK-er) think about becoming the center of the debate?

"It's pretty surreal, man, my name being mentioned in a presidential campaign," he said minutes after hearing McCain utter his name.

"I didn't think much of it the first time I heard it," Wurzelbacher said, adding that he still thinks Obama's plan would keep him from buying the business.

Wurzelbacher declined to say which candidate would get his vote on Nov. 4. "That's for me and a button to know," he said. **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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G-Rod calls for carpool lanes

Chicago Tribune

Chicago-area tollway users who like to ride solo in the fast lane will have to pay for the privilege while many others will lose a lane under a \$1.8 billion plan unveiled Wednesday by Gov. Blagojevich.

Under the proposal, the inner lane of the most congested stretches of tollways would be designated express lanes intended for vehicles with two or more passengers, carpoolers and mass transit.

Cars carrying only a driver also could use the "Green Lane," but would have to pay a premium depending on time of day and the level of congestion. In Seattle, one of many cities where so-called high-occupancy-toll or HOT lanes are used, that can be as steep as \$9 per ride.

The \$400 million project is part of a larger effort that also includes \$1.4 billion to build a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway and Interstate Highway 57, and rebuild the interchange between the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway and Interstate Highway 290.

Blaming the legislature for failing to enact a statewide public-works plan, Blagojevich on Wednesday pointed to the tollway as his best tool to enhance the state's infrastructure.

"If you're governor, you always have the tollway," he said.

Blagojevich and tollway Chairman John Mitola touted "Green Lanes" plan as a way to reduce congestion and cut vehicle emissions.

The total package would be financed by bonds backed by a "modest" toll increase for commercial vehicles and higher tolls for solo drivers using the Green Lanes. The new price structure hasn't been determined.

The Green Lanes effort would start in 2010, but needs approval from the Tollway Board, which must also hold public hearings.

The board does not need the General Assembly's approval for any of the work, spokeswoman Joelle McGinnis said, citing the state's Toll Highway Act.



Mayor Daley speaks to Aldermen Richard Mell and Edward Burke after delivering the 2009 city of Chicago budget Wednesday. ALEX GARCIA/TRIBUNE

BAD NEWS BUDGET

DALEY PLAN HAS TAX HIKES, SERVICE CUTS

Chicago Tribune

Mayor Daley unveiled his new budget to taxpayers Wednesday, a spending plan during a down economic time that relies on increased taxes for downtown parking and ballgame tickets, layoffs and unpaid days off for city workers.

"This is no ordinary year," Daley told aldermen during a 31-minute speech. "This is not a good news budget."

There is no property tax increase after the mayor raised it last year by about \$86 million—a record amount for him.

"Because I understand people are struggling, we will not raise property taxes," Daley said. "Our long-term financial outlook would be worse without this important but painful step you took last year."

Daley's speech began by focusing on the struggling national economy, noting spending cuts and fee increases by other cities and states.

The budget also reveals yet another major

restructuring at the Chicago Police Department.

The administration wants to eliminate the position of first deputy and consolidate all department units under two assistant superintendents, one for administration and one for operations, according to the budget released Tuesday.

Supt. Jody Weis already shook up the department ranks within months of taking office in February. The latest restructuring, effective Jan. 1, will further uproot bosses and police management who have struggled with this year's rise in violent crime.

Aldermen did not interrupt Daley's remarks with applause, although they did stand and clap as the mayor concluded his speech.

A property tax increase meant there were 21 "no" votes on the 2008 budget plan approved a year ago. And some aldermen said Wednesday they are happy that Daley's 2009 proposal includes no such call for raising property taxes.

BUDGET FACTS

Mayor Daley unveiled his new budget Wednesday. What you need to know:

More money

► Downtown parking tax on tabs \$12 and higher would increase from \$2.25 to \$3.

► Tax on tickets to major sporting events would rise to 9 percent from 8 percent.

► Tax on tickets to smaller live music and theater shows would increase to 5 percent from 4 percent.

► Chicago Public Library overdue fines would double from 10 cents to 20 cents a day.

► Ambulance fee increase from \$325 to \$600 for basic service, plus new \$100 fee for non-residents.

► Residential guest parking permits jump from \$10 to \$20 for a book of 30.

► Slapping the Denver boot on cars with two tickets unpaid for at least a year.

► Installing more cameras to catch drivers who run red lights.

Service cuts

► Take longer to change streetlights, fill potholes.

► Fewer traffic aides downtown.

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Body found in Lakeview restaurant basement

A man found dead Wednesday afternoon in the basement of a Lakeview restaurant appeared to have been beaten and his hands were tied, a police source said.

The body was discovered about 2:20 p.m. in the basement of a building at 2834 N. Southport Ave. after police responded to a 911 call. An online telephone directory lists Lucca's Restaurant, an Italian eatery, at that address.

Police say woman was strangled

A 45-year-old woman found dead inside a trash bin Tuesday afternoon on the Far South Side was strangled, officials said Wednesday.

The woman was identified Wednesday as Linda Morgan of the 10900 block of South Parnell Avenue. Her death was ruled a homicide after an autopsy by the Cook County medical examiner's office.

Morgan's body was discovered about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in an alley in the 11000 block of South Normal Avenue, police said.

Off-duty cop killed in crash

An off-duty Chicago police officer was killed Tuesday in a motorcycle crash in south suburban Matteson.

"It appears she lost control of the bike and hit a street sign," said Matteson Deputy Police Chief George Pfotenhauer.

The victim, identified as Andria Randolph, 40, was taken to St. James Hospital in Olympia Fields, where she was pronounced dead, Pfotenhauer said.

The accident happened about 3 p.m. at Willow and Wedgewood Roads.

Lincoln Park hospital closing

Unable to find a buyer, financially strapped Lincoln Park Hospital is closing its doors.

On Wednesday it stopped admitting new patients, closed its emergency room and alerted ambulance companies and fire departments that it was shutting down operations, Chief Executive Michael Curran said.

The hospital is caring for its remaining 37 patients until they can be discharged or transferred; as recently as last week it had 60 inpatients.

Robber pistol-whipped man

An employee at a bank on the Southwest Side was hospitalized after being pistol-whipped by an armed robber Wednesday afternoon, the FBI said. A second bank robbery occurred nearby about three hours later, but officials said they don't think the incidents are related.

The first robbery occurred at Republic Bank, 4028 W. 79th St., about 11:30 a.m., FBI spokesman Ross Rice said. The second occurred at a Chase Bank branch, 6245 S. Western Ave.



Michael Bielinski (right) works Tuesday with physical therapist Jackie Gould. His leg was amputated after a hit-and-run accident earlier this month. ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/Tribune

Hit-and-run victim looking for driver

A Chicago man whose left leg was amputated after he was struck by a hit-and-run driver this month says he is unsure about his future with mounting medical bills and a mortgage to pay.

"I just want [the driver] to come forward and do the right thing," said Michael Bielinski, 31. "Everyone should have [car] insurance and that could make a big difference. It's not every day that you hit a person. Just come in, say you were scared and apologize."

His father, Don, a Chicago businessman, is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the driver's arrest and conviction.

State police recovered parts from the car's front end and a side-view mirror, and they determined that the debris came from a black Mercedes, said Master Sgt. S. Nowak.

Bielinski was on his way home with his

TIP LINE

Anyone with information on the hit-and-run can contact the Illinois State Police at 847-294-4400. The family is setting up a tip hot line at 847-274-8331.

girlfriend from a friend's birthday party about 3:30 a.m. on Oct. 5 when his SUV started shaking. He pulled over to the shoulder of the Ontario Street feeder ramp of the Kennedy Expressway to check the tires, Bielinski said. His girlfriend also exited the vehicle, he said.

Momchilov said. Moments after he stepped out, he was hit by a car and thrown into the road, Bielinski said.

"Our backs were turned so we didn't see anything," said Bielinski, who has no health insurance. "She called out to me. It was so quick. She didn't know what happened."

His girlfriend, Andrea Momchilov, dragged him back to the shoulder.

The car also clipped the rear left side of the SUV, Momchilov said.

"I didn't feel it or hear it," she said. "The humming noise of the highway drowned out everything."

Bar Louie to remain closed

A Bar Louie restaurant in the West Loop has failed a re-inspection by city health workers and will remain closed, the Department of Public Health said Wednesday.

The bar and eatery, at 741 W. Randolph St., failed re-inspection when workers found rat feces in a basement storage area, fruit flies in the kitchen and a front door with gaps that allow access to insects and rodents, according to a department news release. The re-inspection was requested by Bar Louie after the business was ordered closed by the city following an Oct. 9 inspection, the release said.

In that inspection, city workers found more than 1,000 rat feces in a basement storage area. Bar Louie also was cited for front and rear doors with gaps that allow access to rodents and insects, fruit flies in the kitchen, a poorly maintained outside garbage area, no sanitizing solution in the automatic dishwashing machine and no hot water at sinks at the business.

"We take food safety seriously; and when we say 'Clean it up,' we mean 'Clean it up,'" department Commissioner Terry Mason said in the release. "Bar Louie will remain closed until it has corrected all health violations and passed re-inspection."



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Nude photo causes stir in Pilsen

An artist who says his controversial work protests the forced veiling of Muslim women found that one image got a veil of its own after complaints by residents near the Pilsen art gallery displaying the nude photograph.

The controversy sparked Saturday as the Pilsen Together Chamber of Commerce prepared for an exhibit showcasing work of local artists, including Iranian-American

photographer Amir Normandi. Placed in a window of the gallery the chamber owns at 18th Street and Ashland Avenue was a photo by Normandi titled, "True You," showing a nude woman holding a mirror and paint roller in front of her face. The eyes of a veiled woman appear in the mirror.

"The interpretation is that the nude female is imprisoning the person who is covered up or the other way around," said

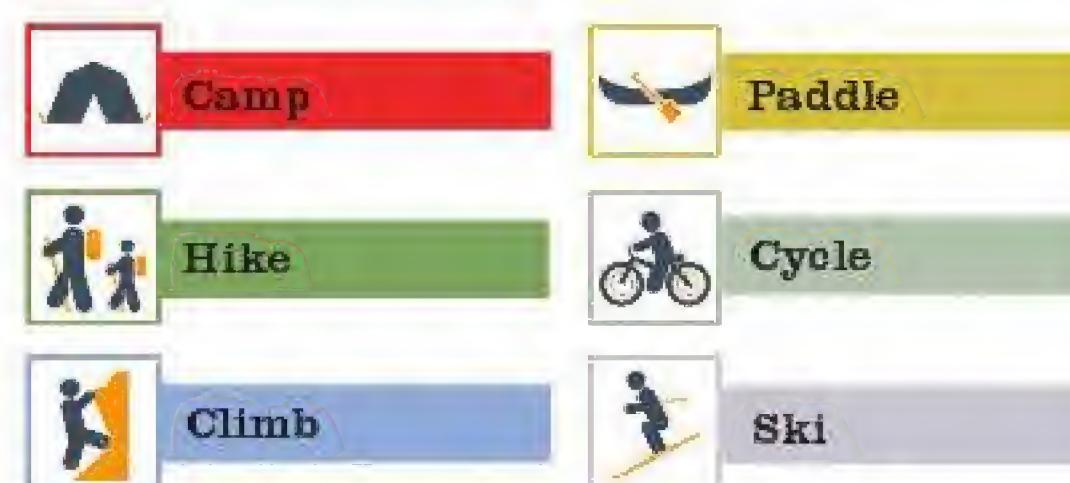
Normandi, 60, a Muslim. But by Monday night, several neighbors had complained and even threatened violence, according to the chamber.

To calm the protesters, the organization placed a covering on the window to hide the woman's breasts. Normandi objected and removed his work from the show but later agreed to return the photo for display in a less visible area.

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U.S., Iraq draft pact

1 American troops could face trial before Iraqi courts for major crimes committed off base, under a draft security pact hammered out in months of tortuous negotiations, Iraqi officials said Wednesday. The draft also calls for U.S. troops to leave Iraqi cities by the end of June and withdraw from the country entirely by Dec. 31, 2011.

School bus safety

Smaller school buses will have to be equipped with lap-and-shoulder seat belts for the first time under a government rule drafted following the deaths of four Alabama students on a school bus that nose-dived off an overpass. Larger buses also will have higher seat backs under the new policy, announced Wednesday.

Catholic women protest

2 Catholic women seeking to become priests denounced the church's ban on female ordination as sexist and unjust, bringing their campaign to the Vatican on Wednesday during a worldwide gathering of bishops. The small group of women representing Catholic organizations from around the world marched across the Tiber River close to St. Peter's Square.

A win for pole dancing

3 The Pittsburgh suburb will allow a pole-dancing studio to open, ending a federal lawsuit that accused the town of violating the First Amendment rights of the owner. The Adams Township studio, owned by 30-year-old Stephanie Babines, will offer classes including pole dancing, power lap dance and strip tease.

Hijacker overpowered

4 A drunk man claiming to have a bomb tried to hijack a Russian-bound Turkish Airlines plane on Wednesday but fellow passengers quickly overpowered him, officials said. Russian transport police detained him after the plane landed safely in St. Petersburg, officials said.

**Cheney undergoes procedure**

5 Vice President Dick Cheney experienced an abnormal heartbeat Wednesday morning and went to the hospital for a procedure to "restore his normal rhythm." It was the second time in less than a year that Cheney, 67, had the electric shock procedure.



6 **MANILA** Women workers of Triumph International, the largest undergarment manufacturer in the Philippines, toss bras and underwear in the air during an "underwear protest" Wednesday at the company's sales warehouse. Hundreds of workers walked out of the factory following a deadlock in negotiations for better wages and other benefits. **AP PHOTO**

Trial exposes Dubai's culture clash

7 **DUBAI, United Arab Emirates** The British pair on trial for sex on the beach deny going all the way, but even a snuggle in the sand is too much in this Persian Gulf city. Although Dubai sells itself as a party hot spot, its Arab population subscribes to conservative Muslim values.

The clash of cultures between residents and the foreigners who flock here to work and play is coming to a head in the trial of Michelle Palmer and Vince Acors, Britons accused of having sex in public after meeting hours earlier at an all-you-can-drink champagne brunch.

NATION DIVIDED

Dubai's indigenous population has long demanded that the government act to preserve their religious values and small-town traditions. Emiratis account for only 15 percent to 20 percent of a population dominated by Asian migrant workers, Western expats and tourists.

The pair, both in their 30s, face up to two years in prison if convicted of engaging in sex outside marriage, public indecency and drunkenness.

A judge is expected to issue a verdict in

the case Thursday—a decision that risks alienating tourists or upsetting Emiratis angry at the government's willingness to relax moral standards in the name of economic growth.

"These are testing times for Dubai, a sunshine state where everything always goes right," said Christopher Davidson, a Dubai specialist at Britain's Durham University.

"They cannot let badly behaved Brits off scot-free," he said. "But if they throw the book at them, what would that do to Dubai's tourism industry?"

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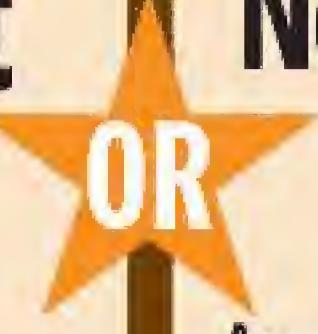
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Number of vehicles Nissan Motor Co. is recalling, the company said Wednesday, to fix a sensor system that could affect the car's passenger side air bag. The recall includes 140,000 Nissan Altima cars from the 2007-2008 model years, as well as 2007-2008 model years of the Infiniti EX35, G35 Sedan, G37 and the Nissan 350Z, Murano and Rogue.

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Better halves

College football is at its halfway point, and several Chicago-area teams are making some noise

By Michael Hines

FOR REDEYE

It's the midway point of the college football season, and the area team with bragging rights is ... Northwestern? In your face, Notre Dame!

Before Evanston starts planning any parades over the Wildcats' 5-1 record, we should remind you that a lot can happen over the final six games—including a season-ending showdown with Illinois at Ryan Field that could have major bowl implications.

Here, now, at the midpoint of the season—halftime, if you will—is a look back and a look forward for Illinois, Northwestern, Notre Dame and Northern Illinois.

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Best, worst—so far

Associated Press

Welcome to college football's new normal, where No. 1 changes hands every few weeks, the preseason rankings become moot by mid-October and Toledo beating Michigan makes headlines only in northwest Ohio and Ann Arbor.

One stat that might best sum up the past season and a half: Since the start of 2007, eight teams have held the No. 1 ranking during the regular season.

In the previous nine years (1998-2006), a total of 15 teams held the top spot at some point during the regular season.

Before we look ahead to another wild finish in the making, let's look back at the best and worst of the first half of college football 2008:

THE TEAMS

Illinois

3-3 overall, 1-2 Big Ten

So far: The losses against Penn State and Missouri are excusable, but last week's homecoming debacle against Minnesota smarts. It also probably eliminated any hope the Illini had of playing in a New Year's Day bowl game for the second consecutive year.

Best-case scenario: The Illini win the games they should against Indiana, Iowa and Western Michigan, spring another upset of Ohio State and earn a berth to a mid-tier bowl game.

Worst-case scenario: The Illini get the wins they should against Indiana and Western Michigan but can't solve the middle-tier Big Ten teams. Hello, Motor City Bowl!

WHIZZER'S TAKE

A couple of more big games for quarterback Juice Williams, and I personally will launch his 2009 Heisman Trophy campaign. You're my dog, Juice!

Northwestern

5-1 overall, 1-1 Big Ten

So far: The Wildcats started a season 5-0 for the first time in 46 years, but they played Ohio, Duke, Syracuse, Southern Illinois and Iowa to do it. The only true test was against Michigan State, and that was a decisive loss.

Best-case scenario: Northwestern regains its

Notre Dame

4-2 overall

So far: With wins over Michigan, Purdue, Stanford and San Diego State, Notre Dame has put the "fight" back in Fighting Irish. The two losses, to Michigan State and North Carolina, are disappointing but not devastating.

Best-case scenario: The Golden Domers take care of their average to below-average schedule strength and enter the season finale against USC with a 9-2 record. ESPN and The Sporting News both see the Irish in the Gator Bowl.

Worst-case scenario: Last week's loss at North Carolina snowballs and the Irish find themselves on the losing end of games against Navy, Boston College and Pittsburgh. Assuming Notre Dame beats doormats Washington and Syracuse, that scenario sends the Domers to USC with a 6-5 record. Gulp!

WHIZZER'S TAKE

Notre Dame's schedule is like my gourmet canned dog food—soft, delicious and good for what ails me.

Northern Illinois

3-3 overall, 2-1 Mid-American Conference

So far: The Huskies are better than their record indicates. The losses were 31-27 at resurgent Minnesota, 29-26 at Western Michigan and, impressively, 13-9 at Tennessee.

Best-case scenario: NIU's conference-best defense continues to dominate and lift them to the top of the MAC standings. It's unrealistic to think the Huskies are playing for a bowl berth at this point, but there's nothing wrong with moral victories.

Worst-case scenario: The Huskies lose their homecoming game to Toledo (a 13-10 winner at Michigan last weekend) on Saturday, then to No. 24 Ball State two weeks later and plunge into college football irrelevance.

WHIZZER'S TAKE

Where have you gone, Michael Turner and Garrett Wolfe?

WHIZZER'S TAKE

I don't know yet whether to chase these guys or ignore them. Dang, I hate cats.



Oklahoma's Nic Harris (5) tackles Texas' Jordan Shipley (8) just short of the goal line in the fourth quarter on Saturday. MCT

Best game

Texas 45, Oklahoma 35.

The Red River Rivalry has rarely matched the hype leading up to it in recent years, but Saturday's edition was a classic. Big plays, gutty comebacks, Heisman implications, the No. 1 ranking in the balance.

Worst game

Auburn 3, Mississippi State 2.

Don't dare suggest this ugliness was about tough SEC defense.

GETTY IMAGES





Northwestern quarterback C.J. Bacher (18) celebrates with teammates after their 22-17 victory last month over Iowa. AP FILE PHOTO

Madonna-A-Rod, Part 2?

Those rumors about a certain material girl, excuse me, woman and a New York Yankee have resurfaced again since a divorce announcement became official about Madonna and her director husband Guy Ritchie.

In July, Madonna released a statement saying, "My husband and I are not planning on getting a divorce. I know Alex Rodriguez through Guy Oseary, who manages both of us."

This is yet another reason why people often doubt celebrities tell the truth about their personal lives. To which, of course, is somewhat justified.

The pop star is worth an estimated \$500 million, which almost equals the amount of a single A-Rod baseball contract.

Somehow, I don't think people were shocked.

Oh no, now Romo

The trend of popular quarterbacks and celebrity girlfriends must end—and now. Tony Romo is the latest victim of "my life gets better off-the-fielditis" after a devastating hit in Sunday's 30-24 loss to Arizona.

Romo's pinky is broken, he'll be gone for a minimum of four weeks, and his 28-year-old girlfriend Jessica Simpson told The Daily Telegraph that she wants six children. You do the math.

"I'd love six kids running around, but I guess I'll have to start pretty soon."

We realize Simpson and Gisele Bundchen didn't break the pinky fingers and knee caps of Romo and Tom Brady, but these damaging relationships must end.

Why in the world would Romo and Brady be inspired to play when they've got Simpson and Bundchen at home?

The solution is simple. They need uglier, unambitious women who inspire them to stay on the football field. I kid, I kid.



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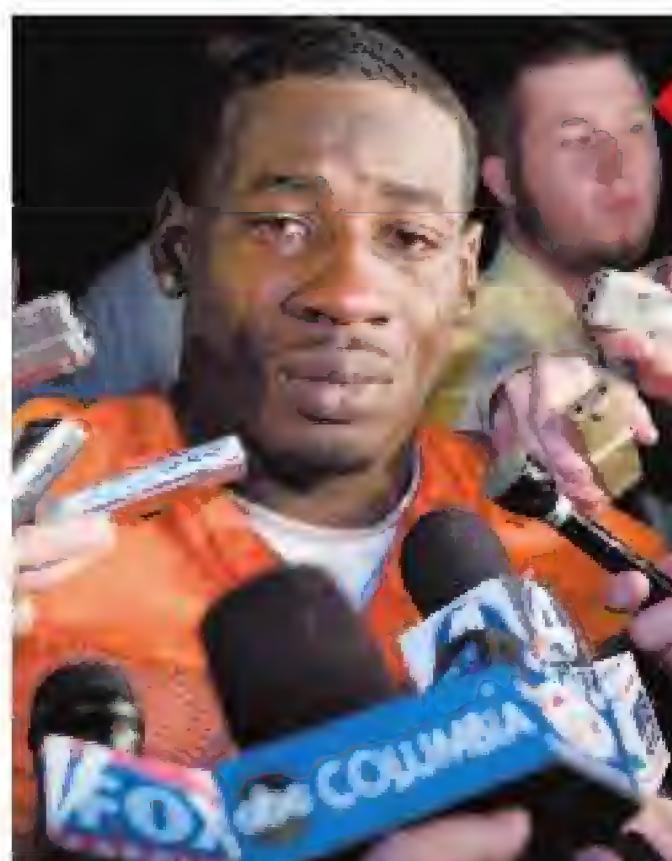


Worst special teams performance

Connecticut had three punts blocked by the same player, North Carolina's Bruce Carter, in a 38-12 loss to the Tar Heels.

Most surprising team

The easy answer is Vanderbilt, but it's also the wrong answer. The Commodores are a great story, but they're fortunate to be where they are. Oklahoma State's the winner. The Cowboys were on no one's radar before the season and proved they're to be taken seriously after winning at Missouri.



Clemson's James Davis is emotional as he talks about former coach Tommy Bowden. AP

Most disappointing team

Clemson. The Tigers started the season in the top 10 and replaced their coach two weeks into October. Disappointing is hardly strong enough to describe Clemson's sad season.

Best reason to stay tuned to the second half (as if you really need one)

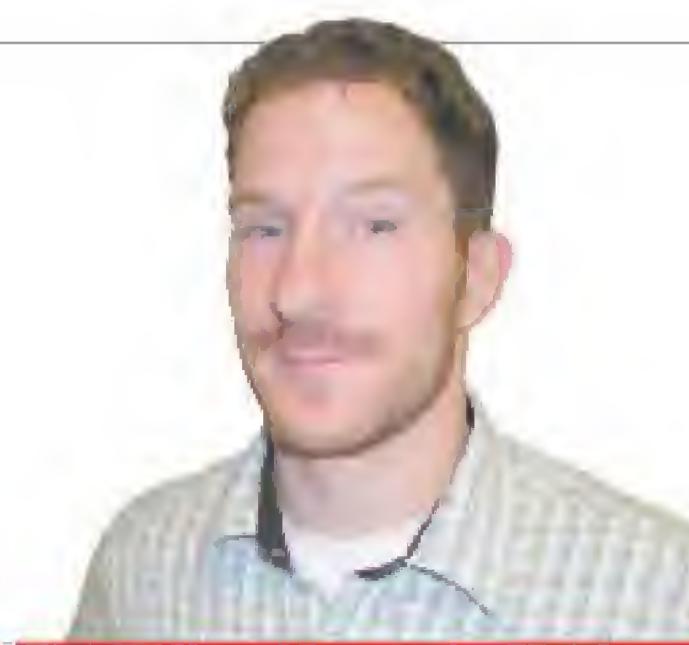
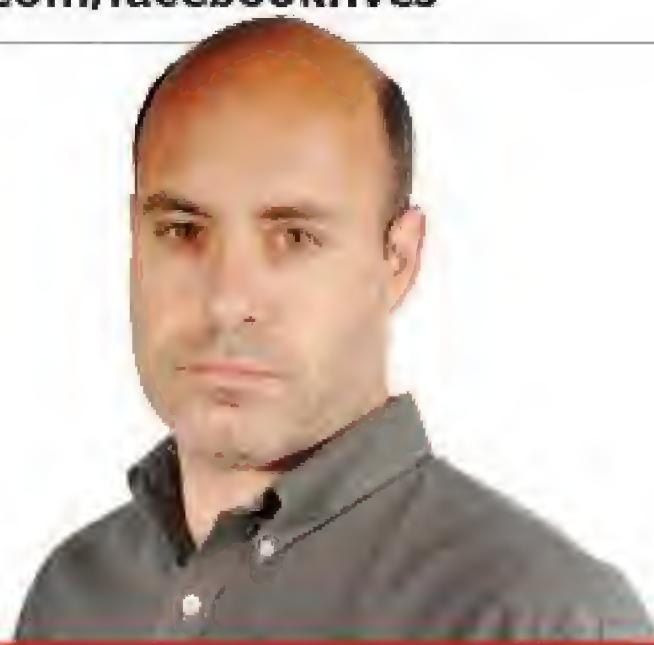
Look at the rankings right now: Texas, Alabama and Penn State are on top. There's a good chance none of those teams will play for the national championship in Miami on Jan. 8. Figuring out which teams will should be a blast.

Halfway Heisman

Texas quarterback Colt McCoy. His numbers are great, 79 percent completion percentage and leading the team in rushing, and he came up huge in the biggest game of the year (so far).

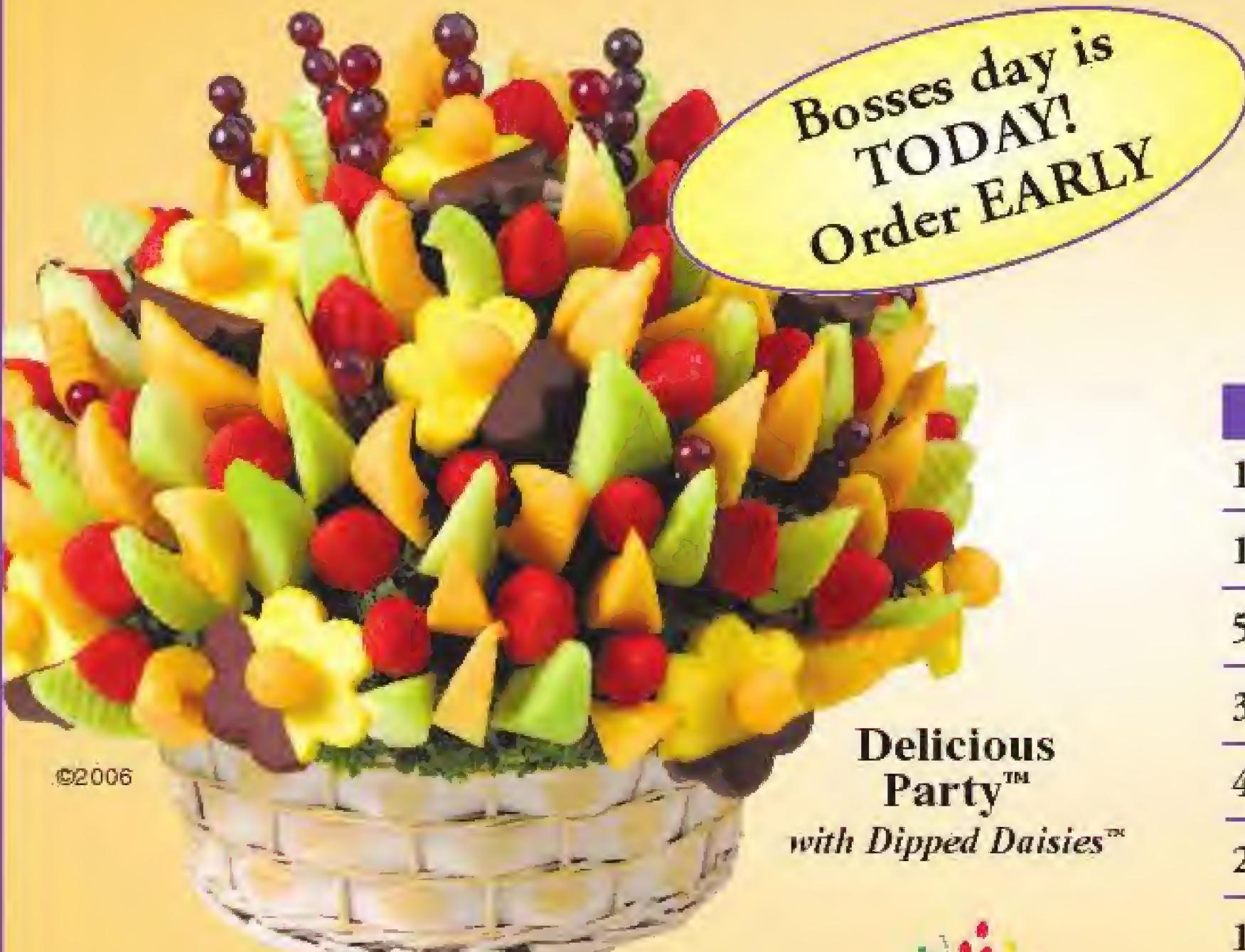
Old college try

The only bowl our panel is qualified for is the cereal bowl.



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1 How would you describe Bears QB Kyle Orton's play this season?	I've nicknamed him the Kyledriver. He'll be a great WWF character after football.	Just good enough to ensure the Bears will give him more money than he's worth.	Playtheism: Bears and their fans believe there isn't a higher power or a hire power.	Unshaven, unhinged and, frankly, un-freakin'-believable.	He's like Nyquil: effective, sleep-inducing, plenty of samples in Tracy's purse ...
2 What do you expect from Bulls rookie Derrick Rose?	More than I'd expect from Jalen Rose, less than Pete Rose.	9.1 points, 4.7 assists, great defense and a lot of missed free throws.	Rookie moves, Leo's specialty.	Much more than he's shown. Hey, Pooh, how about fixing the economy?	A Shaq-like run at "Rookie of the Year" and "League's Worst Free Throw Shooter."
3 Why is the NBA playing preseason games in China?	Preseason basketball is atrocious, so the farther away it is from me, the better.	Because of the old proverb: "Like the Bulls in a China shop."	New war with China. What's worse than a Bull in a China shop?	It's the Bucks and Warriors. Do we consider that NBA?	To familiarize players with the banks that'll be cutting their checks in a few years.
4 How do you feel about Thursday night college football?	I'm fine with it, but the Friday morning hangovers are hell.	I thought it was far more ironic when it aired on Wednesday night.	I guess it's true. It's bad being an FSU fan every day, not just Saturdays.	Sorry but Thursday nights I catch up on my telenovellas.	Still the top excuse for why I don't have a life, followed by "Tuesday Night Football."
5 What will Pacman Jones be doing during his suspension?	Starting the "No Fun League" group on Facebook. Don't join, he spams.	Planning for his next suspension.	Helping the economy by printing faux dollars, GreenPacs and faking it rain.	Lyin' low with Blinky, Pinky, Inky and Clyde.	Alas, he'll find a capable bodyguard too late after a freak encounter with Kevin Costner.

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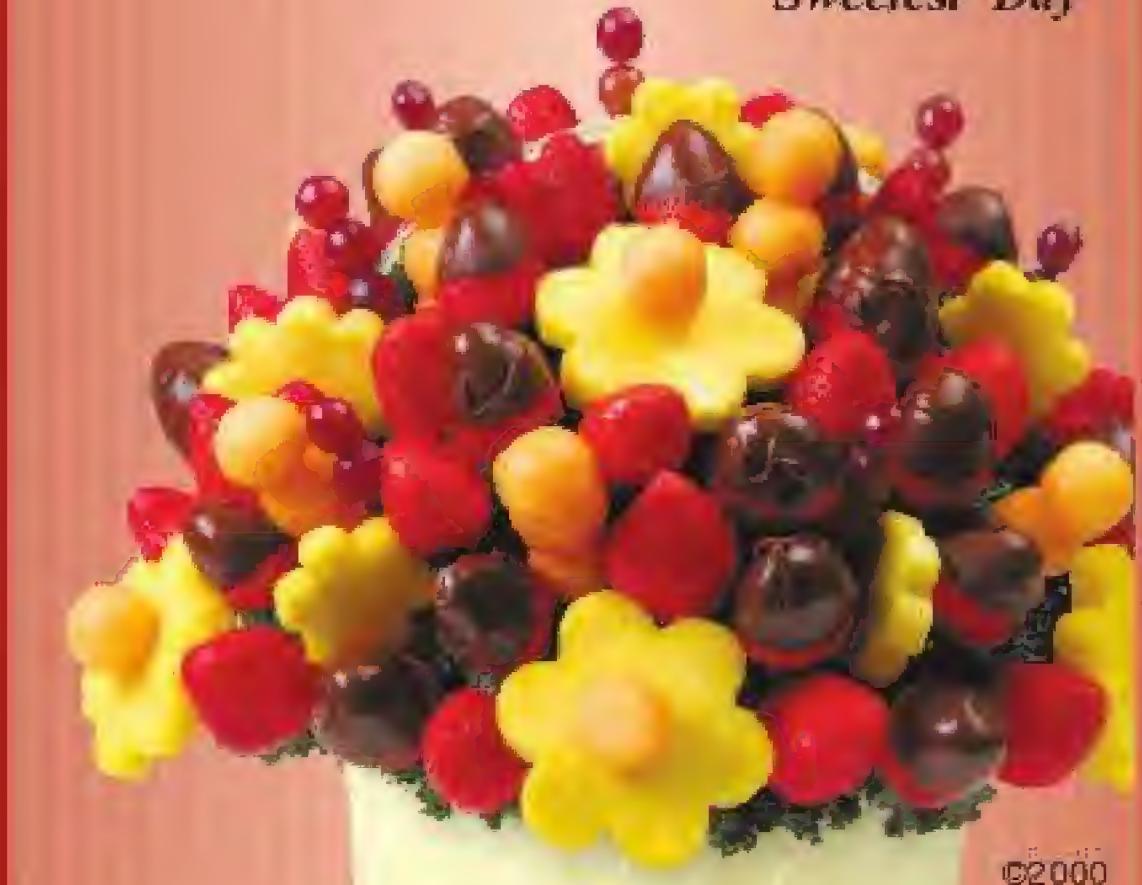
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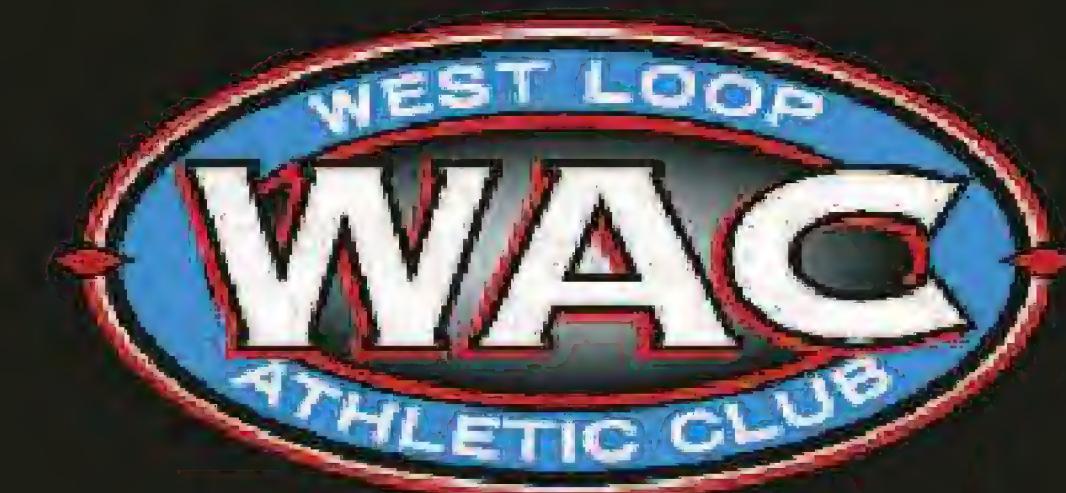
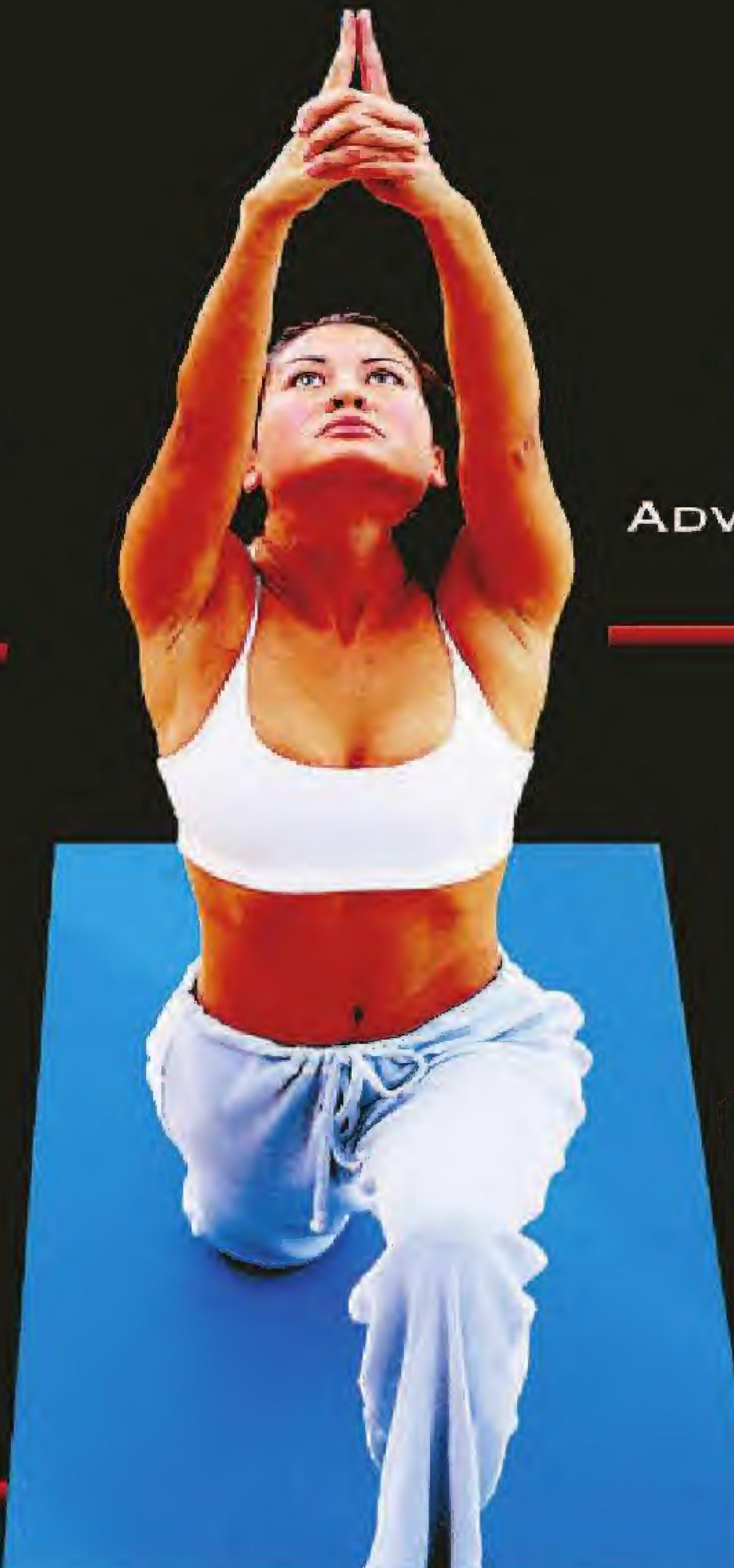
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Life just isn't fair. Want proof?

The Tampa Bay Rays, a baseball team conceived just a few years before I was, are on the verge of going to the World Series.

The Cubs? Well, they aren't.

Still, the Rays are a great team to watch, especially if you dig the long ball.

MLB PLAYOFFS Tampa Bay at Boston

7 p.m., TBS
A sign outside Fenway Park in Boston went up in flames the other day. That can't be a good omen for the Red Sox.

MLS New England at D.C. United

6:30 p.m., ESPN2
New England will be the Chicago Fire's MLS playoff opponent. You can bet they'll be watching.

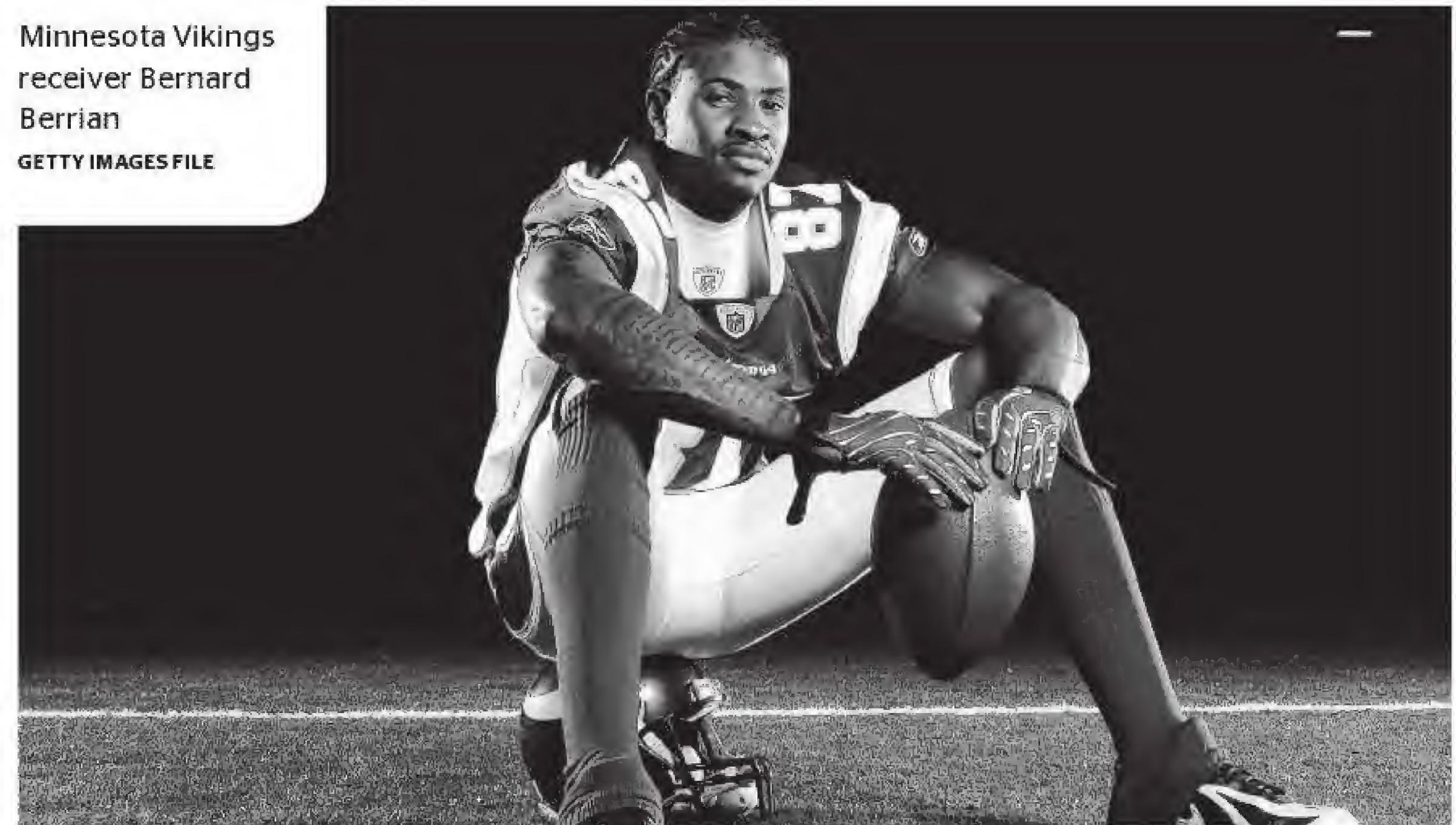
COLLEGE FOOTBALL Florida State at N.C. State

6:30 p.m., ESPN
The most interesting thing about Florida and North Carolina states is they are traditionally red states that are about to go blue.

BYU at TCU

7 p.m., Versus
It's the alphabet soup bowl.

Minnesota Vikings receiver Bernard Berrian
GETTY IMAGES FILE



Berrian catching on

They were just two old buddies bantering, Bernard Berrian and Charles Tillman.

Berrian, the ex-Bears wide receiver now with the Vikings, was asked during a teleconference Wednesday who won most of their battles in practice when they were teammates.

"Ha-ha-ha-ha," Berrian laughed wickedly. "I think you guys know the answer."

Nobody in the room did, so we asked Tillman. If you think Tillman's defensive stance helps keep receivers in check, you should see it around reporters.

"I never counted," Tillman said. "He has won some, I've won some."

Coach Lovie Smith sounded downright proud of the way the Bears developed the Vikings' best wide receiver for them.

Besides being a swell guy and a beloved ex-teammate, Berrian arrives as the NFL's biggest deep threat, averaging a league-high 19.8 yards per catch.

Stopping the run won't matter if Berrian runs past the Bears' secondary.

BEARS HITS

The Bears signed wideouts Mike Hass and John Broussard to the practice squad Wednesday.

» Out of practice Wednesday were receivers Marty Booker (back) and Brandon Lloyd (knee); defensive backs Danieal Manning (hamstring) and Charles Tillman (shoulder); and running back Matt Forte (rest).

Beyond that, shutting down Berrian means more than giving the Bears their best chance in an important division game. This game also represents a referendum on the Bears' off-season.

Despite all the fond memories of Berrian shared Wednesday at Halas Hall, there really hasn't been a day since the 2008 season began that the Bears have missed him.

Through six games, Bears wide receivers have better production without Berrian than they did at the same point last season with him and Muhsin Muhammad—58 catches for 776 yards and five touchdowns in '08, compared with 56, 733 and four in '07.

NLCS PHILADELPHIA 5, L.A. 1

Phillies win series 4-1. Jimmy Rollins hit a leadoff home run and L.A. committed three errors Wednesday as the Phillies earned their first trip to the World Series since 1993.

NFL games in the spring?

NFL owners discussed playing spring preseason games as part of a possible expansion of the regular-season schedule. No action was taken by the owners as they wrapped up their meetings on Wednesday. No change in the regular-season schedule is expected for 2009.

Don't make Shaq angry

Shaquille O'Neal didn't like the "Hack-a-Shaq" strategy the San Antonio Spurs used in games where they led handily in last season's playoffs. "The only thing I call cowardly is when you're up by 10 and do it," O'Neal told Phoenix radio station KTAR. "That's a coward move and [Spurs coach Gregg Popovich] knows that, and I'll make them pay for it." Shaq shoots 50 percent at the free-throw line.



O'Neal

MASCOT MANIA

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TOM II dies at 17

TOM II, the Bengal tiger mascot of the University of Memphis, has died. He was 17. TOM, which stands for Tigers Of Memphis, died Wednesday. He was recently diagnosed with cancer during an annual exam. The university plans to replace the tiger. TOM I died in 1992. A memorial is planned at the Tigers' homecoming game against Southern Miss on Oct. 25.

HOMETOWN HITS



BLACKHAWKS 4, COYOTES 1

Nikolai Khabibulin made 29 saves, and Martin Havlat, Patrick Sharp, Brian Campbell and rookie Colin Fraser scored to lead the Blackhawks to their first victory of the season over the Phoenix Coyotes on Wednesday night.



In a strong indication that outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. plans to extend his storied career, his agent revealed Wednesday that Griffey had arthroscopic surgery Tuesday on his left knee that should enable him to be ready well before the start of Spring Training.



Tribune Co. is considering retaining a larger ownership stake in the Cubs, said sources involved in the deal, as the company explores options to sell the team amid the country's worst financial conditions in decades. With banks reluctant to make loans, Tribune Co. faces increasing risk of prospective buyers dropping out of the auction or being unable to close a deal in the next few months no matter how creditworthy they are. In addition, the higher costs of borrowing could trim the size of the bids.



Larry Hughes aggravated the surgically repaired knuckle near the middle finger of his right hand while attempting a steal in Tuesday's loss to the Timberwolves and skipped Wednesday's four-hour practice. Cedric Simmons and Demetris Nichols also sat with injuries.



In men's soccer, Doug DeMartin scored two goals as Michigan State (7-5) earned a 3-1 win over No. 14 UIC (8-2-4).

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Flick picks

By Matt Pais

In today's economy, you're probably not exactly overflowing with funds to hightail it to Cannes, Sundance or the Toronto Film Festival. No problem: The Chicago International Film Festival is back, stuffed with high-profile flicks and lesser-known indies to discover and impress your friends with your insider film knowledge.

The fest kicks off Thursday with "The Brothers Bloom," and if you arrive early, you can scope star Rachel Weisz and writer-director Rian Johnson on the red carpet

5 movies not to miss at the 44th Chicago International Film Fest

(arrivals start 6 p.m.). Among the festival's seemingly endless schedule of more than 175 features, shorts and documentaries, here's a variety of can't-miss films, from docs to international cinema to locally made flicks to our fest fave.



BEST OF FEST

!!!! Happy-Go-Lucky (U.K.)

A rejuvenating, unsentimental primer on how to live, writer-director Mike Leigh's ("Vera Drake") latest doesn't have much of a plot. But the mini episodes in the life of 30-year-old London schoolteacher Poppy (Sally Hawkins, totally Oscar-worthy) sparkle with joy, wondering what knocks us down and whether optimism can survive in today's world. While Poppy encounters an abused child, a desirable social worker, challenging sisters and others, life suddenly seems full of possibility, and it's all a matter of attitude. As a showcase for a lead performance, Hawkins is a revelation. As a film, "Happy-Go-Lucky" processes the world for what it is, through a woman who, most of the time, has figured out how to survive it.

OPENING NIGHT

!!!! The Brothers Bloom (U.S.)

It ain't easy to follow an electric debut like "Brick," but writer-director Rian Johnson still spins a good yarn with "The Brothers Bloom," a romantic comedy-drama about two con men (Adrien Brody, Mark Ruffalo) and their plot to attract and swindle a rich woman (Rachel Weisz) but not fall in love with her. The latter task proves tough for Brody, whose chemistry with Weisz carries the movie past its overdone dialogue and plotting. But anyone who says this is Johnson's ode to Wes Anderson is missing the sincerity here, and the ability to always emphasize heart over irony.

7 p.m. Thursday at Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph St. (Red carpet arrivals with Rachel Weisz, Rian Johnson 6-7 p.m.)

DOCUMENTARY

!!!! Pressure Cooker (U.S.)

Like a junior version of "Top Chef," this doc centers on underprivileged Philly high school students competing for scholarships to some of the nation's best culinary universities. A little more flash (the movie's budget appears to be nil) would step up the competition, but "Pressure" gets a big boost of personality from the kids' outspoken teacher, who's as likely to criticize their eggs as help them shop for prom dresses. And from a student who watches over her blind sister to another who left Africa only four years earlier, these stories move and inspire as tales of youth in need cooking up opportunity from scratch.

2:20 p.m. Sunday, 6 p.m. Monday, 12:15 p.m. Oct. 26 at AMC River East 21, 322 E. Illinois St.

INTERNATIONAL

Deficit (Mexico)

Gael Garcia Bernal ("Blindness") demonstrates an observant eye in his directorial debut about some wealthy teenagers' pool party and the way they treat one another and the hired help. Balancing a father under investigation, a drugged-up sister, a pending application to Harvard, household problems and his attraction to an Argentinean girl, Cristobal (Bernal) has an awful lot on his shoulders. "Deficit" throbs with both the energy of youth—and the confusion of actually being young—and the movie's a fun, sexy and bittersweet take on both class tension and teens with too many decisions to make.

6 p.m. Oct. 24 at AMC 600 N. Michigan 9; 6 p.m. Oct. 27 at Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Ave.; 8:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at AMC 600 N. Michigan 9

LOCAL TIE

Nights and Weekends (U.S.)

Co-directed, co-written by and co-starring Greta Gerwig and Chicago-based filmmaker Joe Swanberg ("Hannah Takes the Stairs") as a couple enduring a long-distance relationship, the mumblecore staples' latest DIY movie is a considerable step forward. It's virtually plotless, considerably naked—both emotionally and literally—and lacking a unique perspective on relationships outside of its minimalism. But the performances and production value continue to improve, and in tapping into spoken and unspoken feelings between couples and exes that will be thought-provoking for some and relatable to all, these filmmakers come closer to finding the poetry in the mundane.

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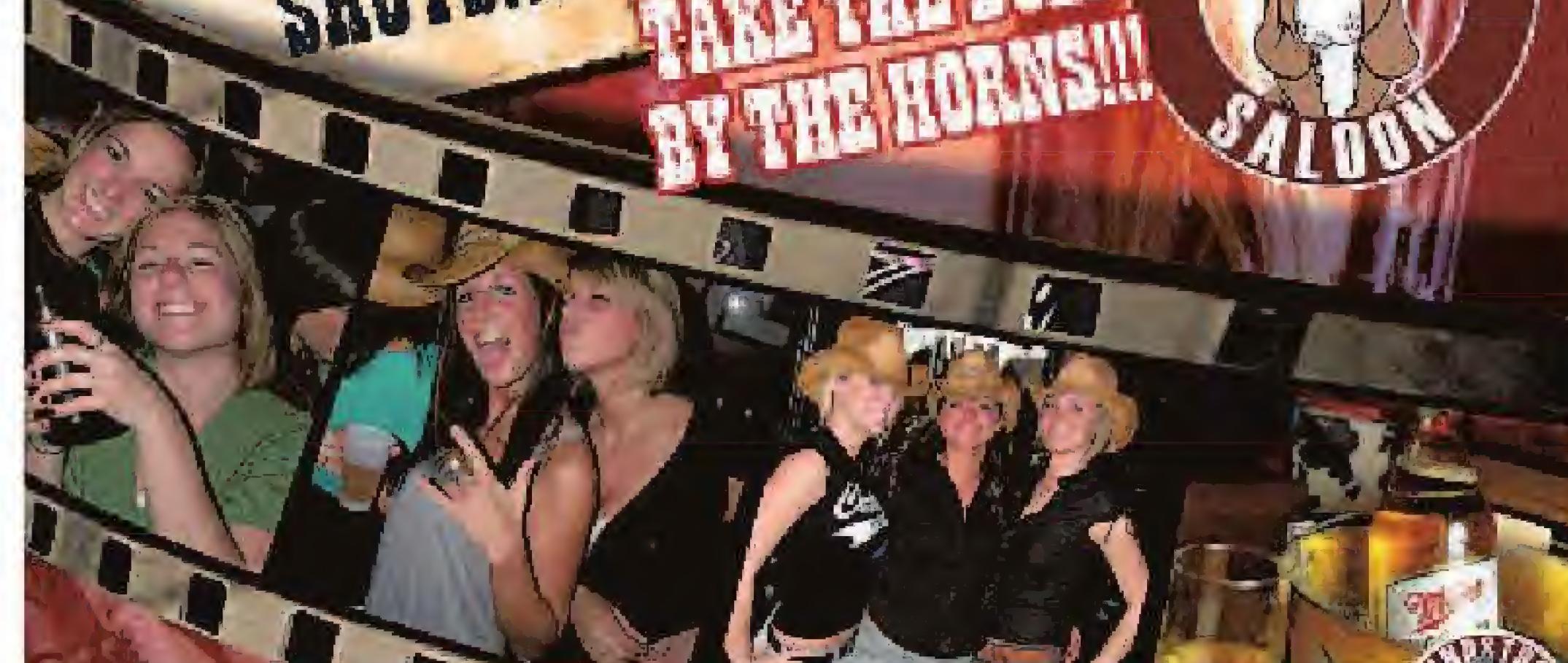
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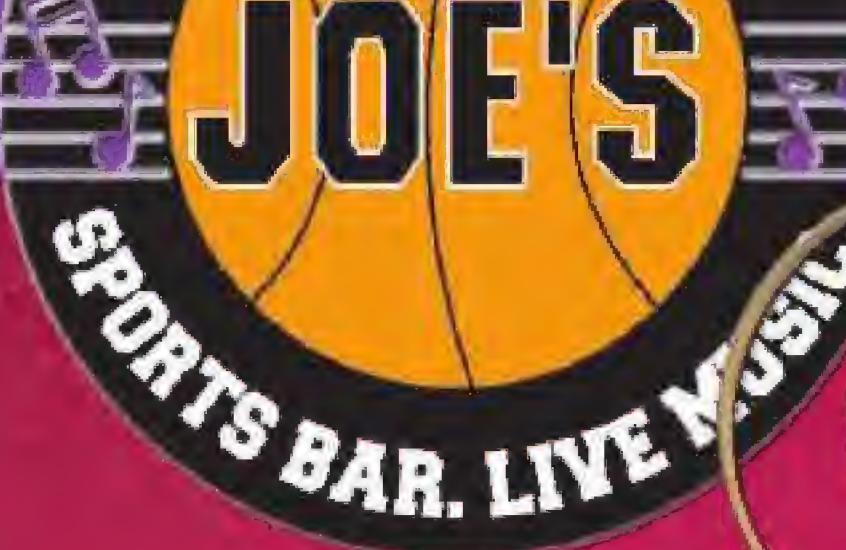
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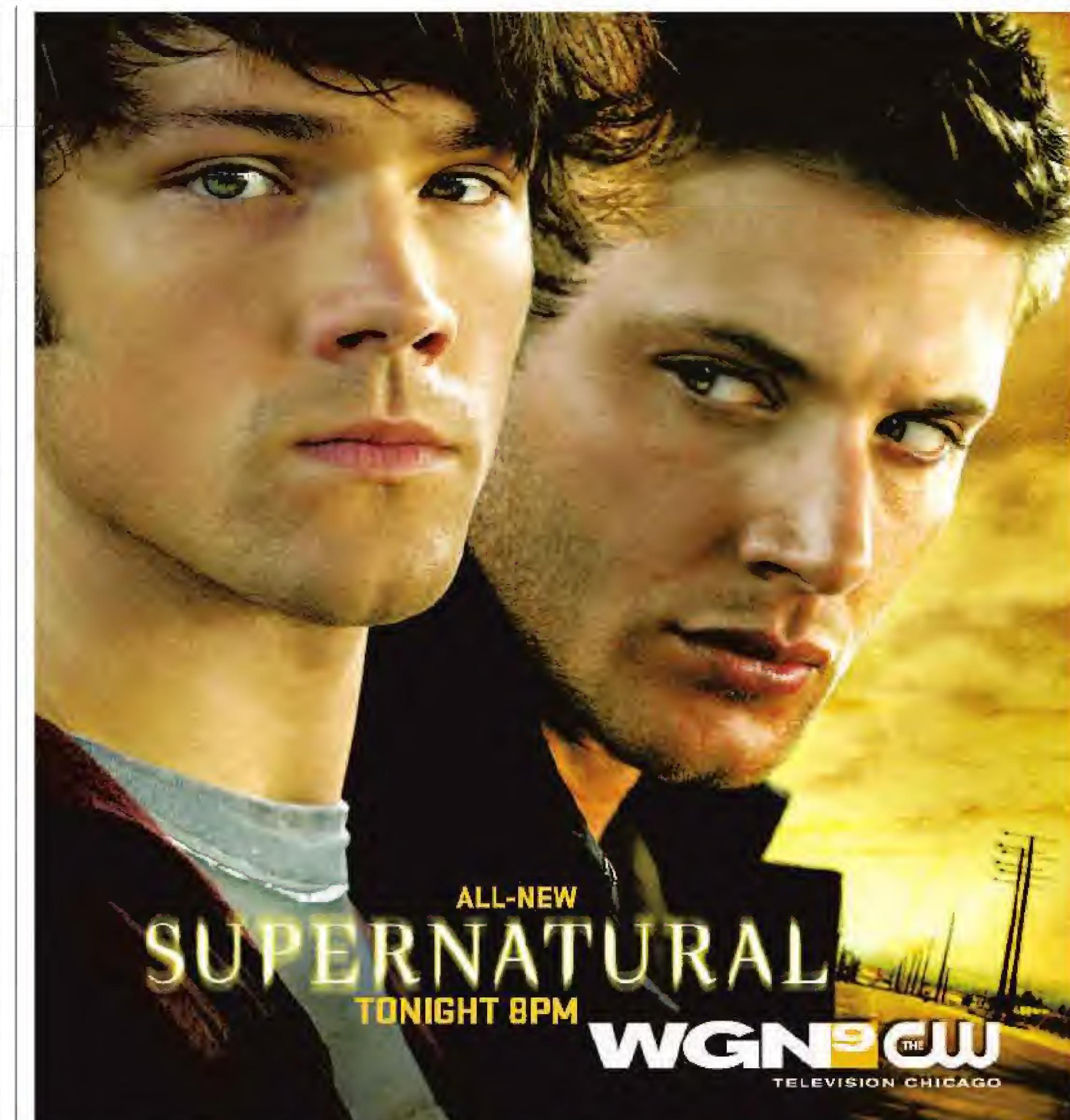
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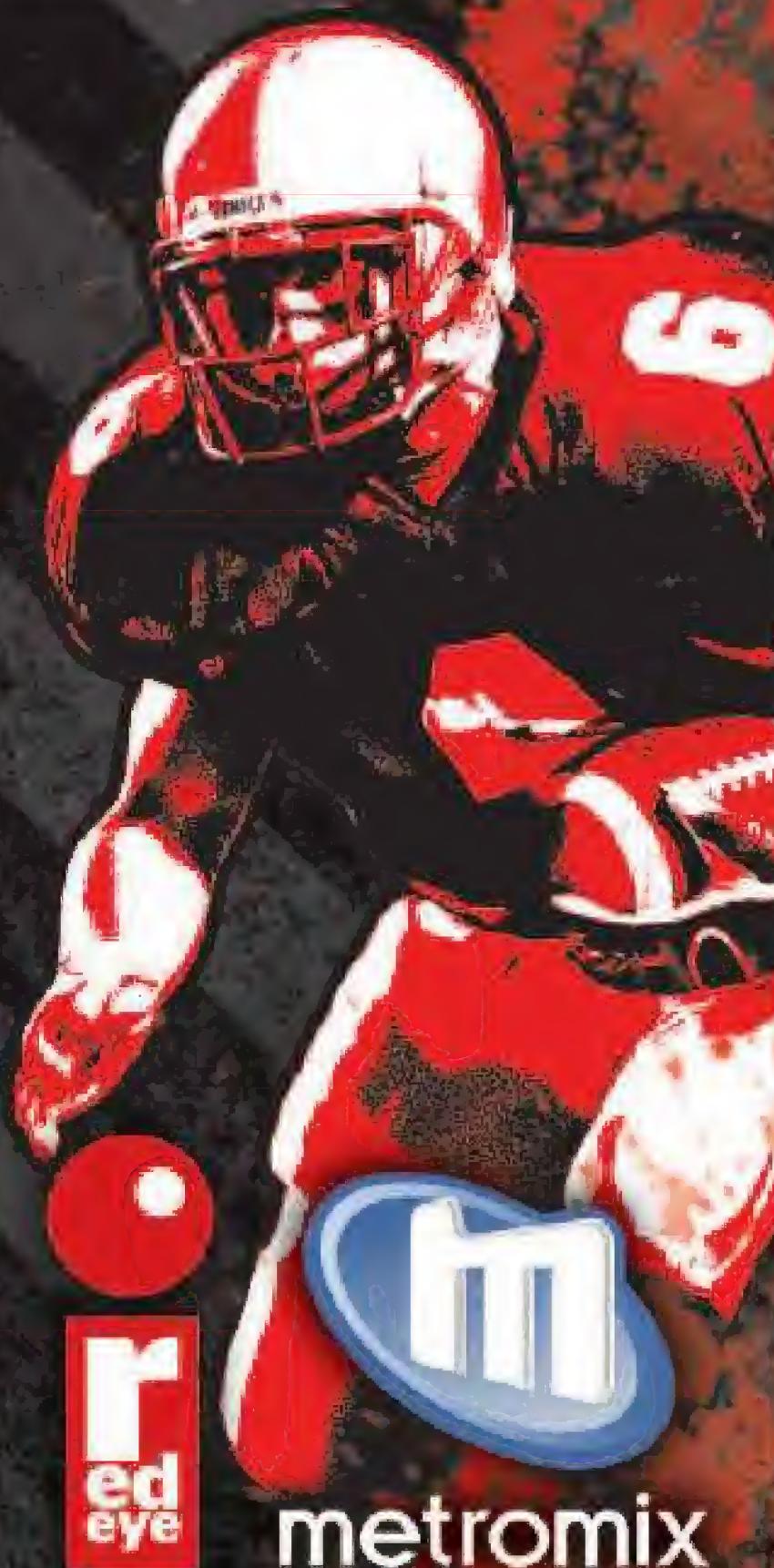
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\$3 Mimosas
\$3 Bombs
*'Specials not valid
during Cubs home
games'*

MONDAY

\$3 Burgers
\$3 Chicken Caesar
Wraps
\$2 Miller Lite
Bottles/Drafts
\$3 Bombs
*'Specials not valid
during Cubs home
games'*

3660
N. CLARK
773.755.4444

CHICAGO ALE HOUSE

SATURDAY

\$15 Call Cocktail
mini pitchers
\$6.75 40oz beers
Potstickers - 25¢
Spring Rolls - 25¢
Wings - 35¢
2 Topping, 10" Pizza - \$6.50
Pitchers - \$9.95
• Coors Light
• Miller Lite

SUNDAY

\$2 Miller Lite
drafts
\$3 SoCo lime
shots
\$5 Bombs
\$5 Jack
Free Food buffet

MONDAY

\$1 domestic drafts
\$3 Effen cocktails
\$3 domestics
\$4 imports
\$10 pitchers of
Sangria and
Margaritas

coach house

SATURDAY

\$15 Call Cocktail
mini pitchers
\$6.75 40oz beers
Build your own
Ketel One Bloody
Marys

SUNDAY

\$6 Build your own
Ketel One Bloody
Marys

Portland's Garage

SATURDAY

1/2 off a
appetizer
\$3 James
22oz Bu
draft (\$
refill)

CULI

SATURDAY

1/2 off a
appetizer
\$3 Jame
22oz Bu
draft (\$
refill)



SATURDAY

\$7 Pitchers of
Coors Light
\$6 Hand Crafted
Bloody Mary Pints

SUNDAY

\$3 Rolling Rocks
and Iron City
Bottles

MONDAY

\$5 Sauza Frozen
Margaritas and
Frozen Beam and
Cokes

940
W. WEED
312.337.3486

JUNIOR'S SPORTS LOUNGE

SATURDAY

\$3 Red Bull Bombs

SUNDAY

\$4 Mimosa's and
Bloody Marys

MONDAY

\$3 Miller Lite
bottles

724
W. MAXWELL
312.421.2277

THE KERRYMAN

SATURDAY

\$4 Mimosa's and
Bloody Marys

SUNDAY

\$2.50 Miller Lite
Drafts

MONDAY

1/2 priced apps

661
N. CLARK
312.335.8121

Lion Head PUB

SATURDAY

\$2.75 Bud Light
Drafts

SUNDAY

\$2.75 Smirnoff
Bloody Marys
25¢ Wings til 6pm
Home of Northwestern

MONDAY

\$2.50 Miller Lite
Drafts

2251
N. LINCOLN
773.348.5100

Lotties Since 1934

SATURDAY

\$10 Coors Light
Pitchers

SUNDAY

All you can eat
buffet \$15.95

MONDAY

\$6 Miller and
Coors 32oz
Schooners
\$25 Wings

1925
W. CORTLAND
773.489.0738

LUCKY STRIKE LANES

SATURDAY

\$15 buckets \$4
drafts \$4 bombs

SUNDAY

Bloody Mary Bar

MONDAY

\$15 buckets \$4
drafts \$4 bombs

322
E. ILLINOIS
312.245.8331

McADDEN'S

SATURDAY

Brunch with
Mimosas Bar

SUNDAY

\$13 Domestic
Buckets

MONDAY

\$4 20oz. Miller
Lite Drafts
GROUP PACKAGES
AVAILABLE

1206
N. STATE PKWY.
312.475.9450

MOGEES

SATURDAY

OSU Football
Brunch from
10am-3pm

SUNDAY

\$6.50 Bloody Mary
Bar

MONDAY

We show ALL Pro
Games
Brunch from
10am-3pm
\$6.50 Bloody Mary
Bar

950
W. WEBSTER
773.549.8200

Metromix

SATURDAY

\$15 Buckets of
Coors light

SUNDAY

\$3 Miller lite pints
\$1.50 mini
cheeseburgers &
\$1.50 cups of chili
from 11-5

MONDAY

\$2.75 Miller Lt
Pints
\$5 Bloody Marys
\$6 Cuervo margaritas,
mojitos, raspberry
vodka & lemondades
\$14 Buckets of
Corona/Corona Lt
\$1.50 mini
cheeseburgers &
\$1.50 cups of chili
from 11-5

3616
N. CLARK
773.244.1025

RedEye RAID

SATURDAY

2:30PM

Mystic Celt

SATURDAY

\$15 Fat Tire &
Blue Moon pints
1/2 price
appetizers
1/2 price bottles
of wine

MONDAY

\$3.50 Fat Tire &
Blue Moon pints
1/2 price
appetizers
1/2 price bottles
of wine

3443
N. SOUTHPORT
773.528.8226

RedZone



metromix

LENS

CY'S
CRAB HOUSE

WEDNESDAY
- All
- wings
- 10 oz shots
- 10 oz Light
- 10 oz mug, \$4

THURSDAY
- Sandwiches
- Bloody Mary
- Drivers

FRIDAY
- All entrees
- All bottles
- Drinks

3819
N. ASHLAND
6.0600
773.883.8900

THE DARK HORSE
TAP & GRILLE
CHICAGO

SATURDAY
- \$10 buckets of
domestic bottles

SUNDAY
- Watch all NFL
games on our huge
HDTVs!
- Combo Platter
(wings, rib tips,
calamari) \$8.95
- All domestic
drafts \$3
- Cy's Mai Tai \$4.50
- Buy one bottle of
wine, get one 1/2
price!
- Oysters 60¢ each
- Shrimp 75¢ each
- Wings 35¢ each
- \$2 Hamburgers
(At bar only with
two beverage
minimum)
- Free parking!

3443
N. SHEFFIELD
773.248.4400

RED EYE RAID
SAT • 3:30PM
DUFFY'S
CHICAGO

SATURDAY
- Michigan
Football, Brunch
from 10am-3pm
- \$5.50 Bloody Mary
Bar

SUNDAY
- We show ALL Pro
Games
- Huge Brunch
Buffet \$15.95
from 10am-3pm
- \$5.50 Bloody Mary
Bar

MONDAY
- \$1 burgers

420 W.
W. DIVERSEY
773.549.9090

DURKIN'S

SATURDAY
- College Football
Feast, \$25 Meal
Package Includes
All Day Cookout &
Domestic Drafts
from 9am-5pm

SUNDAY
- Steelers Football
- \$3 You-call-its

MONDAY
- \$3 You-call-its

810
W. DIVERSEY
773.525.2515

finn McCool's
Irish Pub

SATURDAY
- \$3.50 Bud Light
Drafts
- \$4 Smirnoff Bloody
Marys
- 25¢ Wings
- \$3.99 1/2 lb. Black
Angus Cheeseburger
w/Fries til 6pm.
- Home of Michigan St.

SUNDAY
- \$3.50 Miller Lite
Drafts
- \$4 Smirnoff Bloody
Marys
- 25¢ Wings
- \$3.99 1/2 lb. Black
Angus
Cheeseburger w/
Fries til 6pm

MONDAY
- \$1 Coors Light
Drafts
- \$6.99 NY Strip
Steak

15
W. DIVISION
312.337.4349

the GRAND CENTRAL

SATURDAY
- \$10 All You Can
Eat Brunch Buffet
(11am-3pm)
- \$3 Coors Light
Drafts
- \$3 Bloody Mary's
- \$3 Mimosas

SUNDAY
- \$10 All You Can
Eat Brunch Buffet
(11am-3pm)
- \$3 Miller Lite
Drafts
- \$3 Bloody Mary's
- \$3 Mimosas
- \$3 Bombs

MONDAY
- \$3 Burgers
- \$3 Chicken Caesar
Wraps
- \$2 Miller Lite
Bottles/Drafts
- \$3 Bombs

950
W. WRIGHTWOOD
773.832.4000

HARRY CARAY'S
TAVERNS

SATURDAY
- College Football
Saturdays
- \$3.00 Coors Light
Bottles
- \$3.50 Blue Moon
Drafts
- \$5.00 Svedka
Drinks

SUNDAY
- \$6.00 Bloody
Marys
- \$3.00 Miller or
Miller Lite Bottles
- Wrigley's biggest
and best brunch

MONDAY
- \$2.00 Budwiser
Products
- \$3.00 Goose
Island Products
- \$4 Jager Bombs

3551
N. SHEFFIELD
773.327.7800

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BALLOON

SATURDAY
- "Biggest Party in
Wrigley"
- \$4 All Bombs
- \$3 PBR & Old Style
Cans

SUNDAY
- Check out our
Southern Style
Brunch Package
From 11am-3pm
- Country Night Part
II: \$5 Pitchers of
Miller Lite & High
Life, \$5 40oz
Beers, \$3 Jameson
and Soco Lime
shots, \$1 Sliders

MONDAY
- \$2.50 Bud &
Budlight BTLS
- \$6 Stoli Bloody
Mary's

3438
N. CLARK
773.244.1166

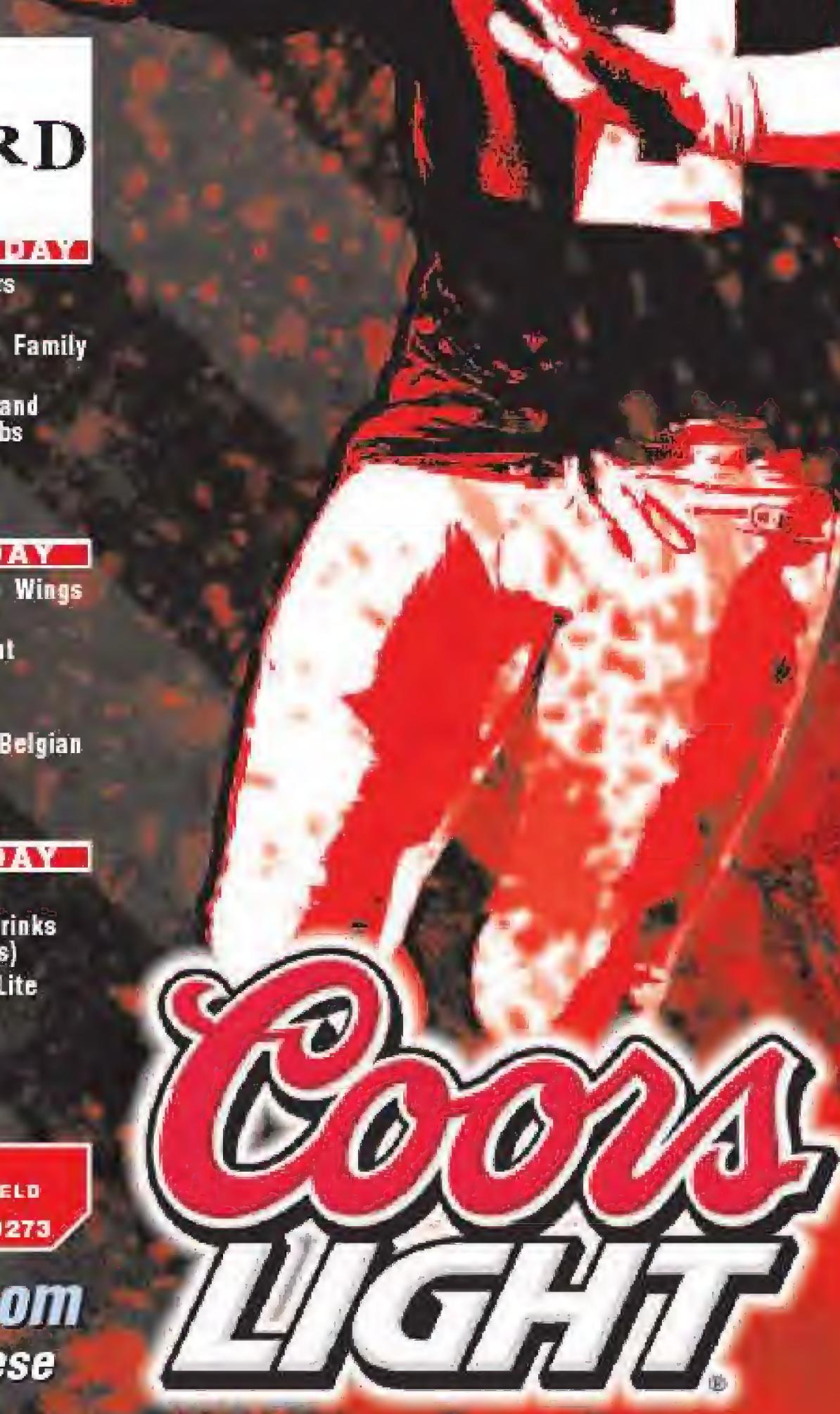
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SATURDAY
- \$4 Corona &
Corona Light BTLS
- \$6 Jumbo Vodka &
Bansai energy
drink pints

SUNDAY
- \$2.50 Bud &
Budlight BTLS
- \$6 Stoli Bloody
Mary's

MONDAY
- \$2.50 Miller Lite &
Highlife BTLS
- \$4 Jameson shots
and 25¢ wings

2051
W. DIVISION
773.394.2066

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CHICAGO**Uncle Fatty's**
RUM RESORT**Vaughan's**
Pub**WELLINGTON'S****The Wrightwood Tap****THE YARD**

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- \$5 Jumbo
Smirnoffs
- \$4 Grolsch Bottles
- \$4 Bloody Mary's

SUNDAY
- \$5 Jumbo
Smirnoffs
- \$4 Grolsch Bottles
- \$4 Alpha King Pints
- \$2 Bud Light Pints
- \$4 Bloody Mary's
- \$5 Dozen Tasty
Wings

MONDAY
- Half Price Bottles
Wine
- Half Price All
Appetizers
- \$4 Grolsch Bottles
- \$3 Sierra Drafts
- \$2 Domestic Cans

1028
W. DIVERSEY
773.290.6988

SATURDAY
- \$10 pitchers of
Coors Light
- \$6 Chicken N
Waffles

SUNDAY
- Vikings Football
- Brunch from
11am-3pm
- \$15 Buckets of
Domestic Btls
- \$20 Buckets of
Premium Btls

MONDAY
- \$4 20oz Imperial
Guinness Draughts
- \$15 Buckets of
Coors Light
- \$8 Meatloaf
Stacks

1638
W. BELMONT
773.828.5055

SATURDAY
- Wisconsin
Football
- \$7 32 oz. Badger
Mugs
- Brunch from
10am-3pm

SUNDAY
- \$5 Bloody Mary's
- \$4 Mimosa's
- \$6 Orange Crush
Bombs

MONDAY
- \$4 20oz Miller Lite
Drafts
- \$5 Effen Bloody
Mary's
- \$5 Breakfast
Sliders

3358
N. SHEFFIELD
773.404.2151

SATURDAY
- \$20 6-Pack
Buckets of Coors
& Coors Light
- \$5 Bloody Marys
- \$4 Illini Mimosa's
- \$6 Orange Crush
Bombs

SUNDAY
- \$15 Buckets (5
bottles) of Miller
& Coors Products
- \$5 Bloody Marys
- \$4 Mimosa's
- \$5 Bombs

MONDAY
- 1/2 Priced
Appetizers 4-7pm
- \$7 14" Pizzas
- \$15 Buckets (5
bottles) Coors &
Coors Light
- Free Pool All
Night!

1935
N. SEDGWICK
312.337.7900

SATURDAY
- 1/2 off food

SUNDAY
- \$3 everything at
the bar

MONDAY
- \$2.50 Bud Family
Drafts

2483
N. CLARK
773.549.1132

SATURDAY
- \$15 Call Cocktail
mini pitchers
- \$8.75 40oz beers

SUNDAY
- \$2 Miller Lite
drafts
- \$3 SoCo lime
shots
- \$5 Bombs
- \$5 Jack
- Free Food buffet

MONDAY
- \$2.75 Miller Lite
pints
- \$5 Bloody Marys
- \$3.50 Stella Artois
pints
- \$5 Margaritas &
mojitos

2833
N. SHEFFIELD
773.477.3661

SATURDAY
- \$15 Buckets of
Coors Light
- \$4 Raspberry
Vodka lemonades
- \$5 Jager Bombs

SUNDAY
- \$2 Miller Lt
Bottles
- \$3 Mimosas
- \$4 All Bombs
- \$3 Bloody Mary

MONDAY
- \$2 Blue Moon, Fat
Tire & 312 Pints
- \$5 Mai Tais
- 1/2 price pizzas

2917
N. SHEFFIELD
773.281.9188

SATURDAY
- \$3 all domestic
drafts
- \$5 all bombs

SUNDAY
- Notre Dame
Football
- \$5 all bombs

MONDAY
- \$2 Domestic Btls
ALL Pro Games

1300
W. WELLINGTON
773.524.1111

SATURDAY
- \$2 Domestic Btls
ALL Pro Games

SUNDAY
- \$2 Bud/Bud Lite
Bottles
- \$3 Mimosas
- \$4 All Bombs

MONDAY
- \$2 Bud/Bud Lite
Bottles
- \$3 Cosmopolitans
- \$4 All Bombs

1059
W. WRIGHTWOOD
773.549.4949

SATURDAY
- \$2 Domestic
Pitchers

SUNDAY
- \$10¢ wings
- \$3 Stoli Drinks
(all flavors)
- \$8 Miller Lite
Pitchers

MONDAY
- \$6 Domestic
Pitchers

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8 p.m. \$30-\$35.
Lakeshore
Theater, 3175 N.
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559-1212.

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With The Horse's Ha.
9 p.m. \$8.
Hideout, 1354 W.
Wabansia Ave.
773-227-4433.



ALAN GRESIK'S SWING SHIFT ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. \$6. The Green
Mill, 4802 N. Broadway.
773-878-5552.

AMI SARAIYA, CHRIS ROBLEY

9 p.m. \$10 suggested
donation. Uncommon
Ground on Devon, 1401
W. Devon Ave. 773-465-
9801.

BLUES OPEN MIC JAM

8:30 p.m. Free. Harlem
Avenue Lounge, 3701
Harlem Ave., Berwyn.
708-484-3610.

BROOKS AND DUNN, ZZ TOP, RODNEY ATKINS

7 p.m. \$29.50-\$54.25.
First Midwest Bank
Amphitheatre, 19100
Ridgeland Ave., Tinley
Park. 312-559-1212.

CADILLAC DAVE AND THE CHICAGO RED HOTs

9:30 p.m. \$7. B.L.U.E.S.,
2519 N. Halsted St. 773-
528-1012.

CARL WEATHERSBY, CHARLIE LOVE AND THE SILKY SMOOTH BLUES BAND

9:30 p.m. \$15. Kingston

Mines, 2548 N. Halsted
St. 773-477-4646.

CRYSTAL ANTLERS, NEW GHOSTS, WHITE/LIGHT

9:30 p.m. \$8. Empty
Bottle, 1035 N. Western
Ave. 773-276-3600.

DAEMON FAMILIAR, RECENT PHOTO

9 p.m. Free. Quenchers
Saloon, 2401 N.
Western Ave. 773-276-
9730.

DANILO PEREZ TRIO

8 and 10 p.m. Cover
varies. Jazz Showcase,
806 S. Plymouth Ct.
312-360-0234.

FRED JACKSON JR. AND MAGIC CARPET

8:30 p.m. Cover varies.
The Velvet Lounge, 67
E. Cermak Rd. 312-791-
9050.

GAZELLES, A DECENT ANIMAL, THE VIADUCTS

9 p.m. \$7. Ronny's,
2101 N. California Ave.
mpshows.com

GEORGE WINSTON

8 p.m. \$30. Beverly
Arts Center of Chicago,
2407 W. 111th St. 773-
445-3838.

GUY KING ORGAN TRIO

9 p.m. \$10. Andy's Jazz
Club, 11 E. Hubbard St.
312-642-6805.

JACK D'AMICO

WITH THE JOE
VALENTINO TRIO
8:30 p.m. Free. The 200
East Supper Club, 200
E. Chestnut St. 312-266-
4500.

JAMES WHEELER BLUES JAM

9:30 p.m. \$5. Rosa's
Lounge, 3420 W.
Armitage Ave. 773-342-
0452.

JEREMY CARR

10 p.m. \$20. Enclave,
220 W. Chicago Ave.
312-654-0234.

JIMMY JOHNSON

9:30 p.m. \$10. Buddy
Guy's Legends, 754 S.
Wabash Ave. 312-427-
0333.

JIMMY ROBBINS, ARTIST VS. POET, BACKSEAT GOODBYE, BREATHE ELECTRIC

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GEORGE WINSTON

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Two-drink minimum.
Davenport's, 1383 N.
Milwaukee Ave. 773-
278-1830.

KENNY PHELPS

11:45 p.m. Free.
Redhead Piano Bar, 16
W. Ontario St. 312-640-
1000.

LEMURIA, GORDON GANO'S ARMY, VACATION

BIBLE SCHOOL
8 p.m. \$8. Reggie's
Rock Club, 2109 S. State
St. 312-949-0120.

LIL' REV

8 p.m. Free. Heartland
Cafe, 7000 N.
Glenwood Ave. 773-
465-8005.

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8 p.m. Free. SPACE, 1245
Chicago Ave., Evanston.
847-492-8860.

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8 p.m. \$8-\$10. Bottom
Lounge, 1375 W. Lake
St. 312-666-6775.

NICHOLAS BARRON, JUSTIN TAYLOR

9 p.m. \$6. Martyrs',
3855 N. Lincoln Ave.

773-404-9869.

PROFESSOR JOHN

8 p.m. Cover varies. The
Underground Wonder
Bar, 10 E. Walton St. 312-
266-7761.

RUSS PHILLIPS

QUARTET
5 p.m. \$5. Andy's Jazz
Club, 11 E. Hubbard St.
312-642-6805.

RUSSELL ALAN

ROWE TRIO
9 p.m. Free. Pops for
Champagne, 601
N. State St. 312-266-
7677.

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6:30 p.m. \$10. Beat
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8 p.m. Tips/donations.
Uncommon Ground on
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773-929-3680.

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9 p.m. \$8. Blue Chicago
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THE ENVY CORPS,
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Milwaukee Ave. 773-
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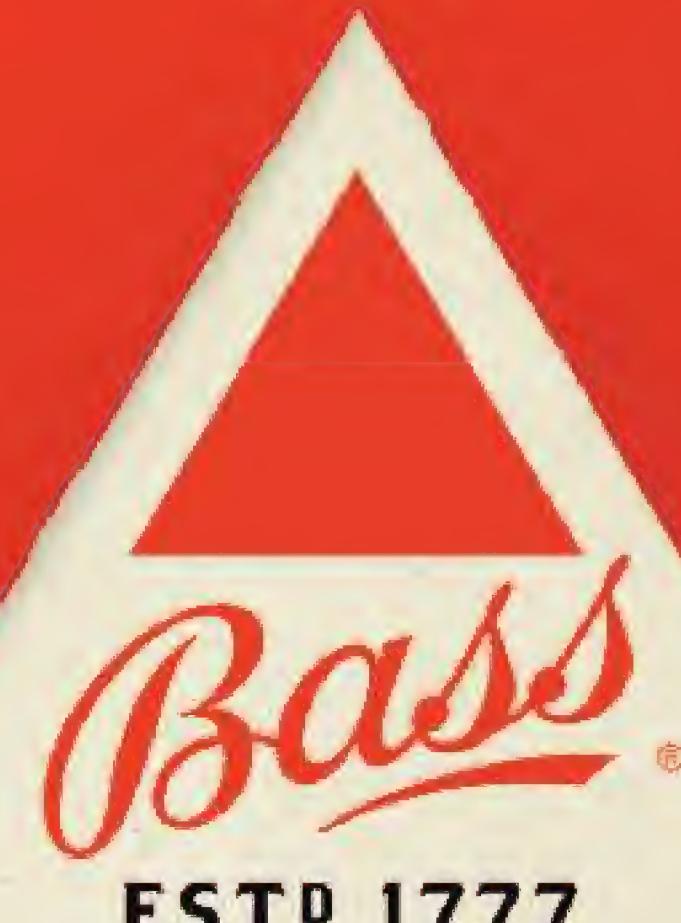
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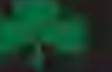
Sundays

\$2 DOMESTIC BOTTLES
\$3 STOLI BLUEBERRY
\$4 BLOODY MARY'S
\$6 VODKA LEMONADE PITCHERS

\$3 GUINNESS EVERYDAY

Mondays

\$1 50 BOTTLES
\$3 STOLI RAZ DRINKS

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Astute angst

MCT

The agit-punk outfit Against Me! specializes in what rock writers often call "intelligent angst" or "fierce politics," terms that are surprising mostly to those for whom "punk" could mean anything from the Sex Pistols to "Dookie" to Hot Topic.

But Against Me!'s brand of folk-punk is fiercely, smartly political, credit for which goes to writer/singer Tom Gabel, who spits out lines like "Protest songs in response to military aggression" and makes them sound like anthems. It's a formula that's responsible for last year's "New Wave," which Spin called "the most invigorating, zeitgeist-capturing rock album in years," one that appeared on a fiesta of year-end Top 10 lists. Gabel took part in an e-mail interview recently.

Some of the most popular responses to the current political climate seem to be anger, disappointment and lethargy. When your

politics are so explicitly stated, how do you keep motivated?

If you're paying attention how can you not be outraged?

Do you find that your stances on either of the candidates have changed at all over the past few months?

No, not really. I'm neither a Republican or a Democrat, but I feel like that's what you are voting for—rather than who—in most American elections. In my lifetime there has never been a realistic alternative. I don't agree with everything that Barack Obama says, but I agree with less of what McCain says. I believe that the country, the world, is in need of drastic change, and while electing Barack Obama is not the end-all solution it's definitely a step in the right direction.

Do you find yourself more or less optimistic that things might improve?

I'm optimistic, but I hide my optimism



Against Me!

When: 7 p.m. Friday

Where: Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave.

behind a thick wall of sarcasm.

How do you keep up with news, politics, current events, etc.?

It can be tough when you travel as much as I do. You have to get your news from wherever you can, whenever you can. If I have an Internet connection I see what's going on. When I'm in an airport about to fly somewhere I buy some magazines. When I check into a hotel I turn on CNN.

What's the first thing you say to a kid who comes to the show and gets energized, wants to go out and do something?

Hopefully if someone feels energized by the music we play they'll take away from it the feeling that they don't need to rely on anyone else to do something, whether that's starting a band, starting a fanzine, opening up a local chapter of Food Not Bombs or getting involved in their community in a different way. I shouldn't have to say anything to anyone.

100% real



By Stephen Markley

FOR REDEYE

Raw Footage is the kind of band that has to use percentages to describe its music.

Emcee Morris Brent breaks it down like this: "Maybe 40 percent hip-hop, 40 percent rock, with the last 20 percent being a blend of R&B and funk."

Brent's calculation is open to interpretation. But the band has spiked its fusion sound with socially active lyrics and an affection for diverse and varied musicality that can lead to provocative hip-hop flows as easily as it can lengthy jam-band interludes.

"With most hip-hop you have an emcee and a producer laying down a beat," bassist Scott Schaeffer said. "Two isolated elements. What we like is that we have this group effort and a lot of avenues to pursue. The band might come

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RAW FOOTAGE

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up with a guitar riff or a drum beat that leads Mo to his lyrics or the other way around."

Schaeffer was working in New York as a freelance musician when he met Brent. He uprooted his life to return to his hometown Chicago and join Raw Footage.

"I just listened to what Mo and these guys were doing, and that was it," he said.

The band has a large supporting cast, including Saya Goyal on vocals, Chris Ellison on drums, Brian Keys on Keyboard, Josh Eloge on guitar, and a second emcee and lyricist named Sin City.

Brent said he enjoys the experience of working with a band far more than operating as a lone emcee.

"There's a level of musicianship with a band," he said. "I was a solo artist for quite a while, but I wanted to work with

a live band. There's just such an enormous difference in what you can do, and I think in the last few years hip-hop has lost respect for that musicianship."

Schaeffer said he thinks hip-hop has lost its message. "It has these negative messages about money and denigrating women," he said. "I'm happy to be a part of a project that actually wants to make people aware of things that are relevant: Racism, poverty, injustice, you name it."

Added Brent, "I was part of that scene. Two years ago I was performing in a club and listening to this stuff from other emcees and bands—you know, just out there screaming loud but not saying anything. What we try to do is make every song a story in itself, talking about life as it is on a daily basis."

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2	"Whatever You Like," T.I.	2
3	"Can't Believe It," T-Pain	17
4	"Closer," Ne-Yo	7
5	"Live Your Life," T.I. f/ Rihanna	20
6	"Paper Planes," M.I.A.	4
7	"Forever," Chris Brown	6
8	"So What," Pink	8
9	"My Life," The Game	13
10	"In The Ayer," Flo Rida	10

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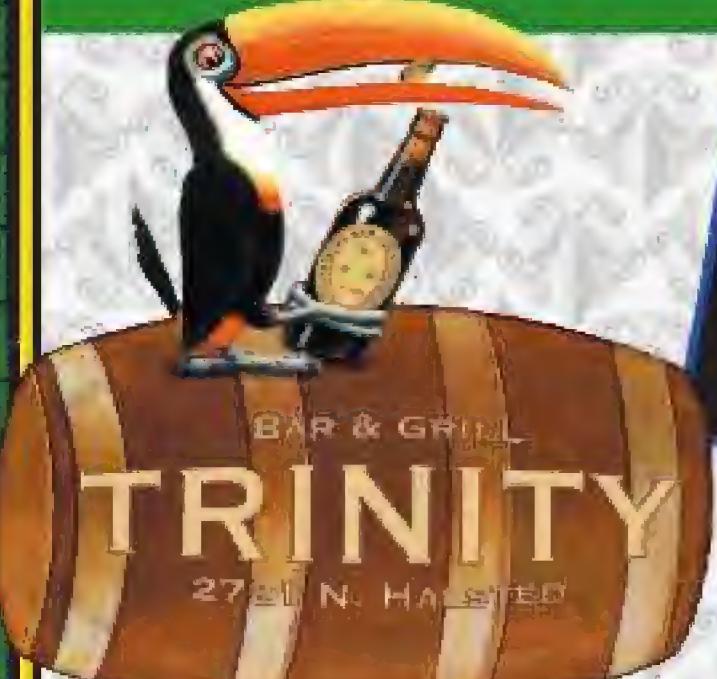
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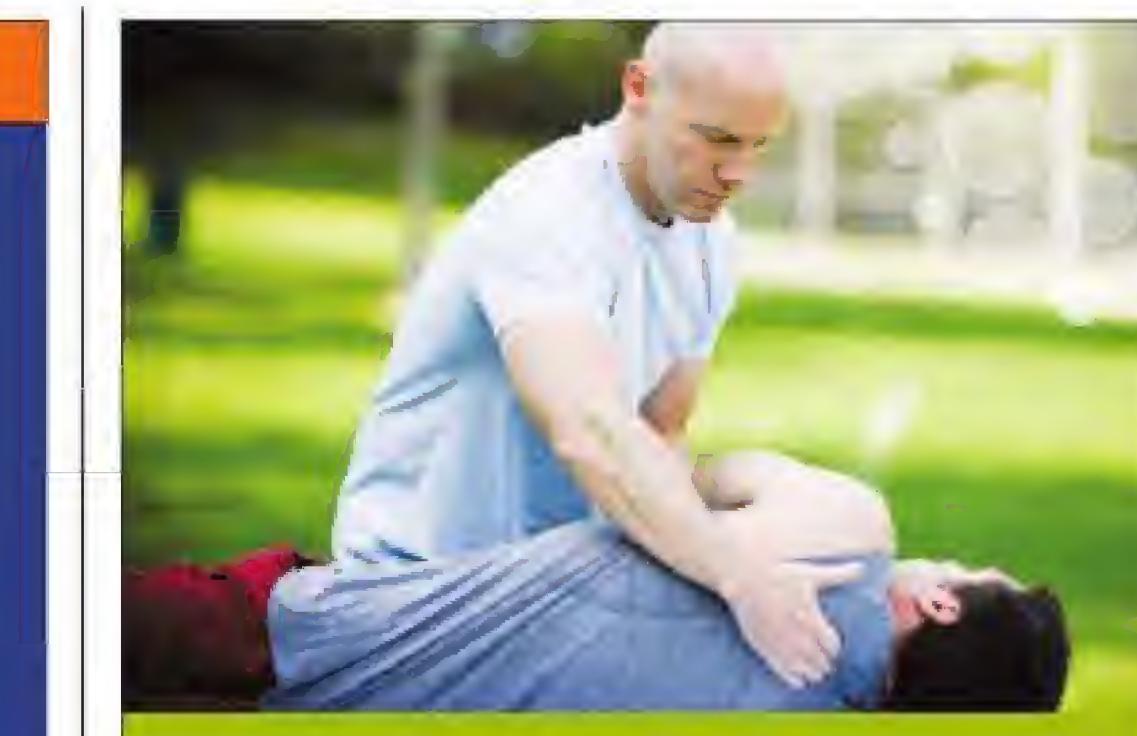
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Working stiffs make cult favorites out of TV shows, movies, comics that mock cubicle life

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People buy red staplers, Dwight Schrute bobbleheads and stuffed Dilberts for a reason: Many Americans are disenchanted with their jobs, and those item—pop culture icons that symbolize the worst in office culture—affirm that others view the workplace with the same disregard.

"I think it helps people to know they are not alone in their frustrations," said Scott Adams, who created his "Dilbert" comic strip nearly two decades ago.

In a sense, then, pop culture has become therapeutic for the disheartened worker. And while many books and movies have dealt with jobs that can suck the life out of their employees, three sources have stood out as the ultimate symbols for everything wrong about the office: "Dilbert," the movie "Office Space" and the TV show "The Office," which airs at 8 p.m. Thursdays on NBC.

"Dilbert" started it all. In 1989, Adams debuted his strip about an engineer who deals daily with the frustrations of his workplace. It was a huge success, prompting readers to buy stuffed dolls, calendars and books.

"People like to see me mock the things they can't mock themselves without losing their job," Adams said in an e-mail interview. "I am sort of a surrogate voice for them."

"Office Space," a cult favorite from 1999, features a trio of software employees trying to fight back against impending layoffs and a numbing office environment.

As film critic Roger Ebert wrote, the movie is about work that crushes the spirit: "Office cubicles are cells, supervisors are the wardens, and modern management theory is skewed to employ as many managers and as few workers as possible."

That "The Office" started out as a British TV show suggests that the view of the office as a dysfunctional family is not merely an American perception. The U.S. version of this sitcom takes place in a Pennsylvania paper company, where workers confront the boss' boneheaded decisions—and the awkward scenarios they foster—on a daily basis.

With all that in mind, here's a look at how the office is viewed by the Big Three—"Dilbert," "The Office" and "Office Space."

Speaking of office life, check out our list of pop-culture bosses on page 54.



Painfully employed

OFFICE ENVIRONMENT

DILBERT: Dilbert calls his workplace The Land of Cubicles, where workers file into a maze of partitions. Artwork comes from low-cost Dogbert Corporate Art Source, which boasts the motto: "If it's in a frame, it will look like art to you."

OFFICE SPACE: The gray and mostly windowless Initech building also is filled with cubicles. When consultants are brought in to recommend layoffs, a large banner is erected, asking workers: "Is This Good For the Company?"

THE OFFICE: Michael Scott has a room with window blinds that allow him to hide from employees when he makes unpopular decisions.



EMPLOYEE VIEW OF WORK

In the Big Three, no one wants to be at the office.

THE OFFICE: Jim Halpert resists promotion, saying, "Because right now, this is a job. If I advance any higher, this would be my career. And if this were my career, I'd have to throw myself in front of a train."

OFFICE SPACE: Peter Gibbons is even less positive. As he tells his therapist: "Ever since I started working, every single day of my life has been worse than the day before it. So that means that every single day that you see me, that's on the worst day of my life."

DILBERT: It's Dogbert who acts as the therapist, telling Dilbert, "You suffer from the dull ache of insignificance."

TECHNOLOGY

Technology in the Big Three represents yet another inconvenience.

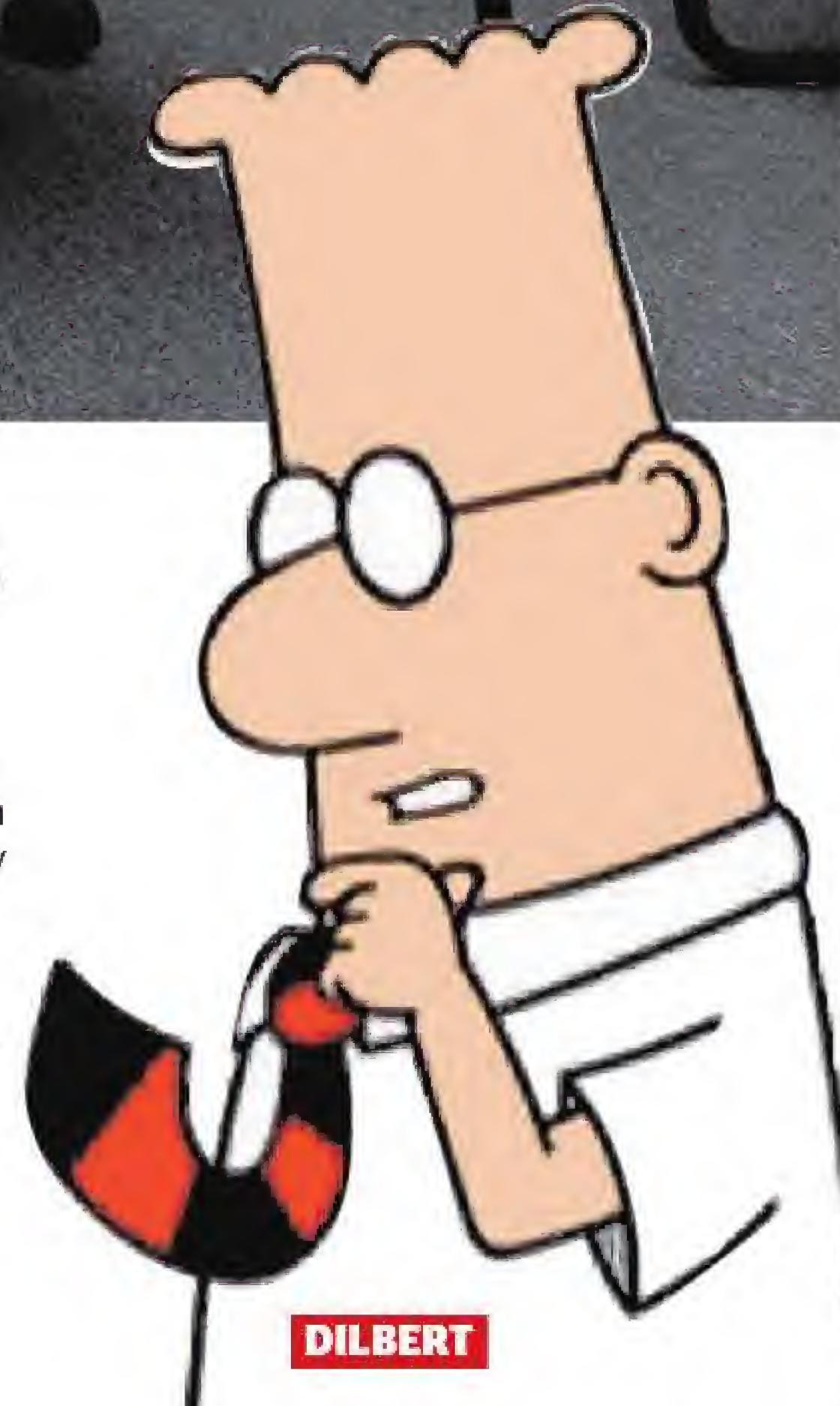
THE OFFICE: Michael resists a new Web site, preferring older methods of doing business. "People will not be replaced by machines," he declares, after crashing a car with a navigation system. "In the end, life and business are about human connections. And computers are about trying to murder you in a lake."

DILBERT: Technology is confusing. As Dilbert once said at a presentation: "You won't read my technical report, so I summarized it in this complicated slide. If you stare at it long enough, you will either experience the illusion of understanding it or be too embarrassed to admit you don't."

OFFICE SPACE: The three main characters take out their frustrations on a printer, beating it to bits with a bat.



BJ Novak (from left), Rainn Wilson, Steve Carell, John Krasinski and Jenna Fischer star in "The Office." NBC



DILBERT

LOSING YOUR JOB

In the Big Three, workers seem less concerned about promotion and job satisfaction than with simply keeping their jobs. Yet, the threat of layoffs and outsourcing is always there.

OFFICE SPACE: The arrival of "efficiency experts" signals pending layoffs. The experts—also known as "the Bobs"—question workers on what they do, to which Peter replies that his key motivation is to work just hard enough to not get fired.

THE OFFICE: After Michael blurts out that the Scranton branch will be shut down, employees who stayed on out of convenience suddenly have to ponder life after the office.

DILBERT: Since management doesn't like firings, other methods in the Big Three are employed. In "Dilbert," the boss tells one worker, "It's my policy to make your job so unpleasant that you quit."



Ron Livingston (from left), David Herman and Ajay Naidu take their aggression out on a piece of office equipment in "Office Space." FOX PICTURES

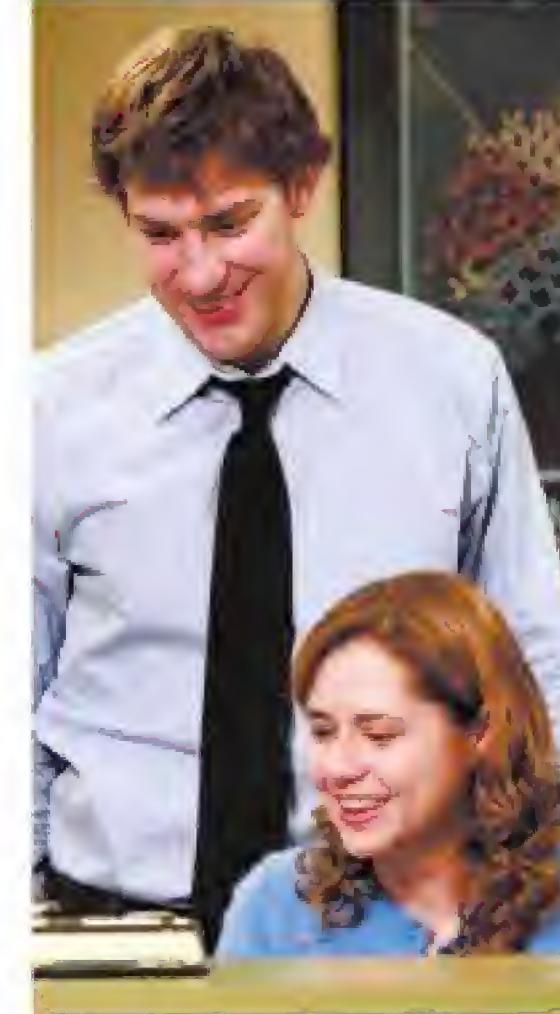
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

While employees occasionally get along quite well (like Jim and Pam, right) in "The Office," personalities often clash.

THE OFFICE: After the merger, Andy and Dwight become instant competitors, as Andy seeks to become Michael's No. 2. This causes Dwight to fight back. As he discloses: "I have decided to shun Andy Bernard for the next three years ... which I'm looking forward to. It's an Amish technique; it's like slapping someone with silence."

DILBERT: Office worker Wally explains his tendency to blame his mistakes on dead or nonexistent people: "I used to blame living co-workers but it made the meetings awkward."

OFFICE SPACE: The difference in worker perception of the job is apparent after Peter declares "I gotta get out of here—I think I'm gonna lose it." Another worker, upon hearing this, declares, "Uh oh—sounds like someone's got a case of the Mondays!"



MANAGEMENT

The Big Three view managers as clueless schmucks who thrive on minutiae and couldn't make a decision if their lives depended on it.

OFFICE SPACE: Bill Lumbergh is a condescending boss who has no life outside the office. When faced with a difficult task—like firing an employee named Milton Waddams—he has someone else do it.

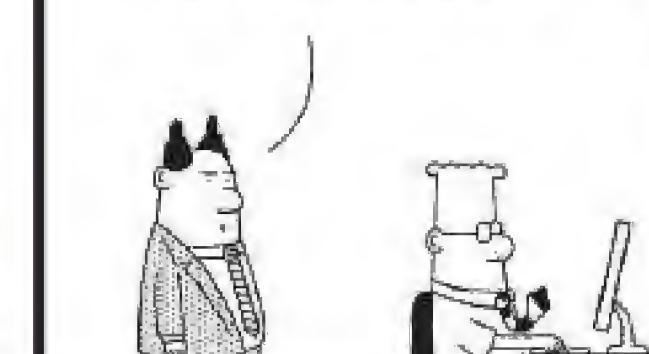


Gary Cole as Lumbergh

THE OFFICE: Michael Scott is ignorant of the fact that none of his employees respect him. (He owns a "World's Best Boss" mug he bought for himself.) When asked how he views himself as a supervisor, he says, "I guess the atmosphere that I've tried to create here is that I'm a friend first and a boss second, and probably an entertainer third." While Michael is quick to do things unrelated to work, he delegates serious duties—like announcing cuts in health care benefits—to others.

DILBERT: Dilbert's "pointy-headed boss," meanwhile, is a micro-manager who doesn't listen to employees. In one meeting, the boss announces, "That's the plan. Now I will listen to your irrational concerns" before putting headphones on.

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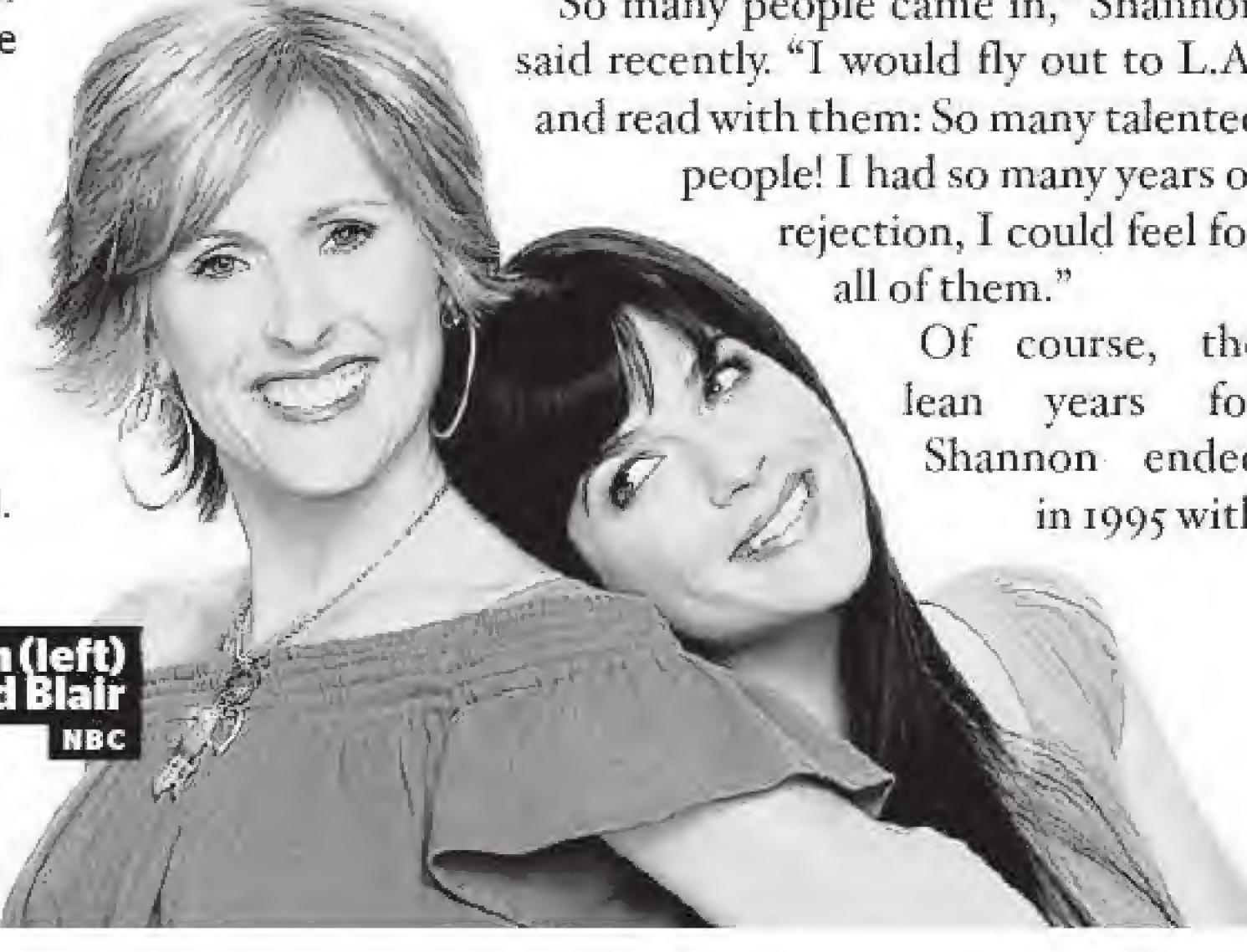
Shannon takes on trashy

SHOW PATROL

Kath & Kim

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The show still hasn't reached its potential, but Molly Shannon is giving it her all as Kath, who tries to overcome Kim's bad behavior and promote her hair salon at a mall event. For more, visit redeye.chicago.com/showpatrol.



Shannon (left) and Blair

NBC

Associated Press

Picking a daughter is a difficult task. It's especially tough when the daughter is Kim, a Doritos-scarfing princess of suburbia who's tethered by co-dependency (and an ampersand) to her mom Kath on the new NBC comedy "Kath & Kim."

Molly Shannon was a shoo-in to play 40-ish firecracker Kath in this U.S. version of the Australian hit. But finding the right actress for peevish, midriff-flaunting Kim wasn't such a snap.

"So many people came in," Shannon said recently. "I would fly out to L.A. and read with them: So many talented people! I had so many years of rejection, I could feel for all of them."

Of course, the lean years for Shannon ended in 1995 with

NBC's "Saturday Night Live." Now the 44-year-old's hopes are high for "Kath & Kim," whose second episode airs 7:30 p.m. Thursday. She stars alongside Selma Blair.

The 36-year-old Blair gets a hearty vote of confidence from Shannon, who credits her with "a funny darkness. And she's very strong and fearless."

In the series' first episode, the trashy, self-proclaimed "trophy wife" Kim walked out on Craig (Mikey Day), her husband of six weeks, because he wouldn't take her to Applebee's for dinner every night. She moved back home with Kath.

As Kath, Shannon is a comic salvo of pluckiness and shopping-mall chic. Kath is a striver whose latest mark of success is her romance with Phil (John Michael Higgins), the sandwich-shop owner who Kim views dimly as a rival for her mom's affection.

"I think of Kath as someone who really tries, who's a survivor," said Shannon, a mother of two. "She's trying to seem smarter or fancier than she really is."

Also younger: Bonding with Kim more like a sister than a mom, Kath is committed to defying her age. "I'm still learning about her, since I come from a place like 'Saturday Night' where I created my own characters ... With this character, I'm still finding my place in it and what I can bring to it from my own experience."

Shannon's 'SNL' characters

Molly Shannon left "Saturday Night Live" in 2001 after six seasons.



» Joyologist Helen Madden



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» Mary Katherine Gallagher, the geeky Catholic schoolgirl with a habit of sniffing her armpits

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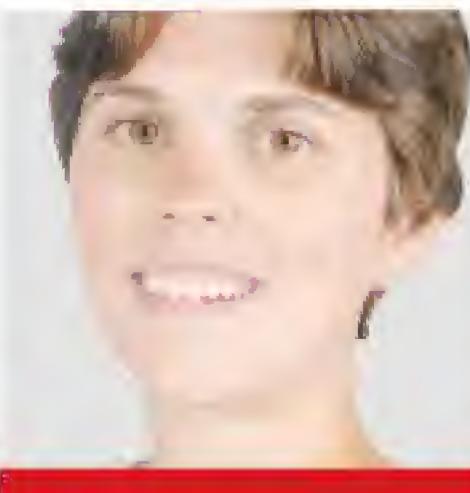


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'Starter' wardrobe

Los Angeles Daily News

"Miami Vice," "Sex and the City," "The O.C.": TV shows have long dictated fashion trends.

The latest entry is USA Network's "The Starter Wife," which airs at 9 p.m. Fridays and stars Debra Messing. The show turns the spotlight on Beverly Hills' fashionable trophy wives, with their large diamond-stud earrings, oversize sunglasses, handbags and high-heeled boots.

"Clothing is a huge part of identifying a 'starter wife' or any woman married to a power broker in Hollywood," Messing wrote in an e-mail.

Messing's character, Molly Kagan, used to belong to this society of women. Molly is divorced from her Hollywood hot-shot husband now, but she never misses a beat when it comes to keeping up appearances.

It's her personality and style—ranging from corporate couture and elegant after-dark to fashionably loud, chic and edgy—that has inspired designer Lauren Merkin to create the "Molly" (above), a chic amethyst crocodile clutch that the show's heroine will debut in the season finale. It's sold exclusively at laurenmerkin.com for \$295.



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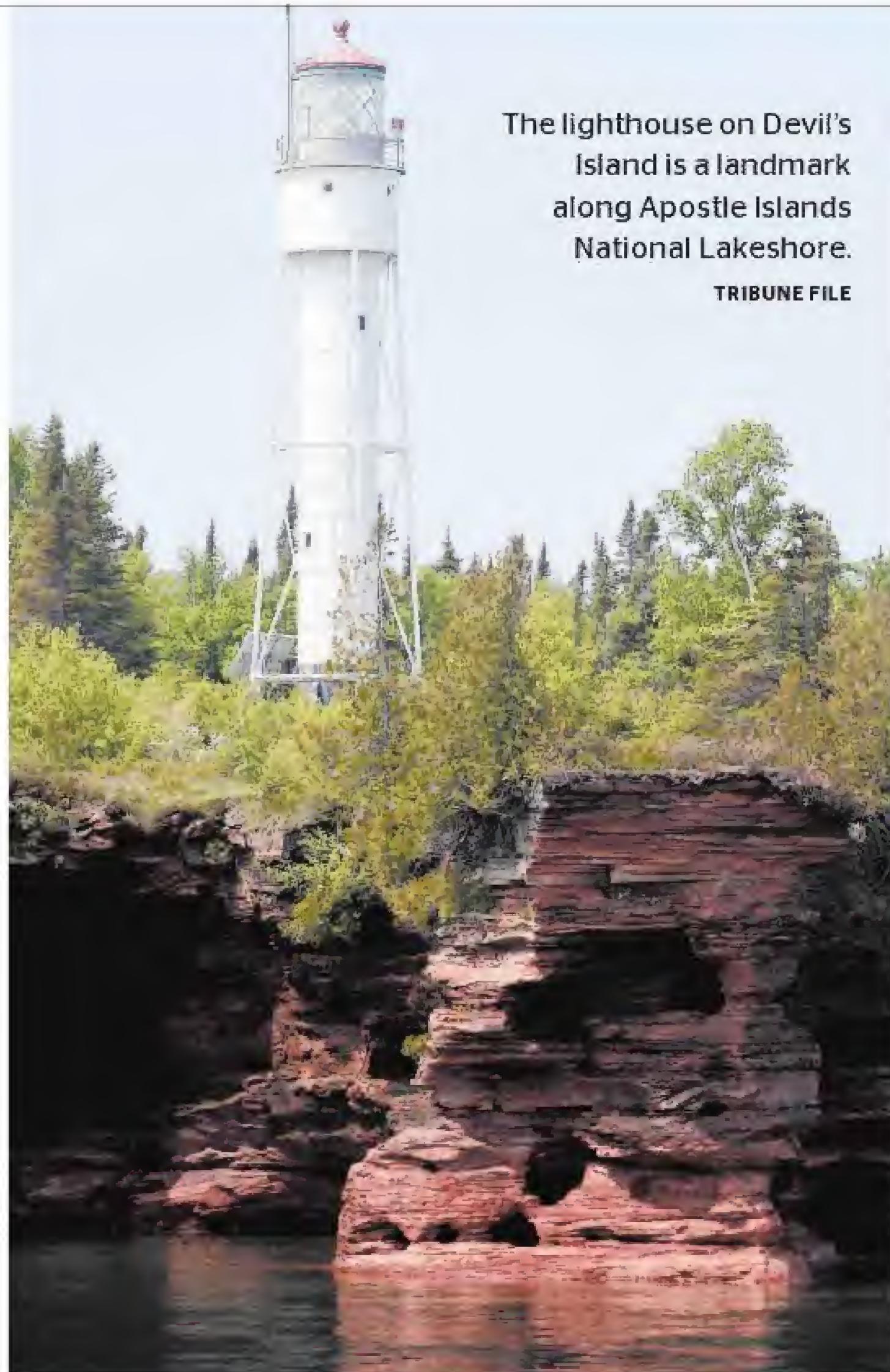
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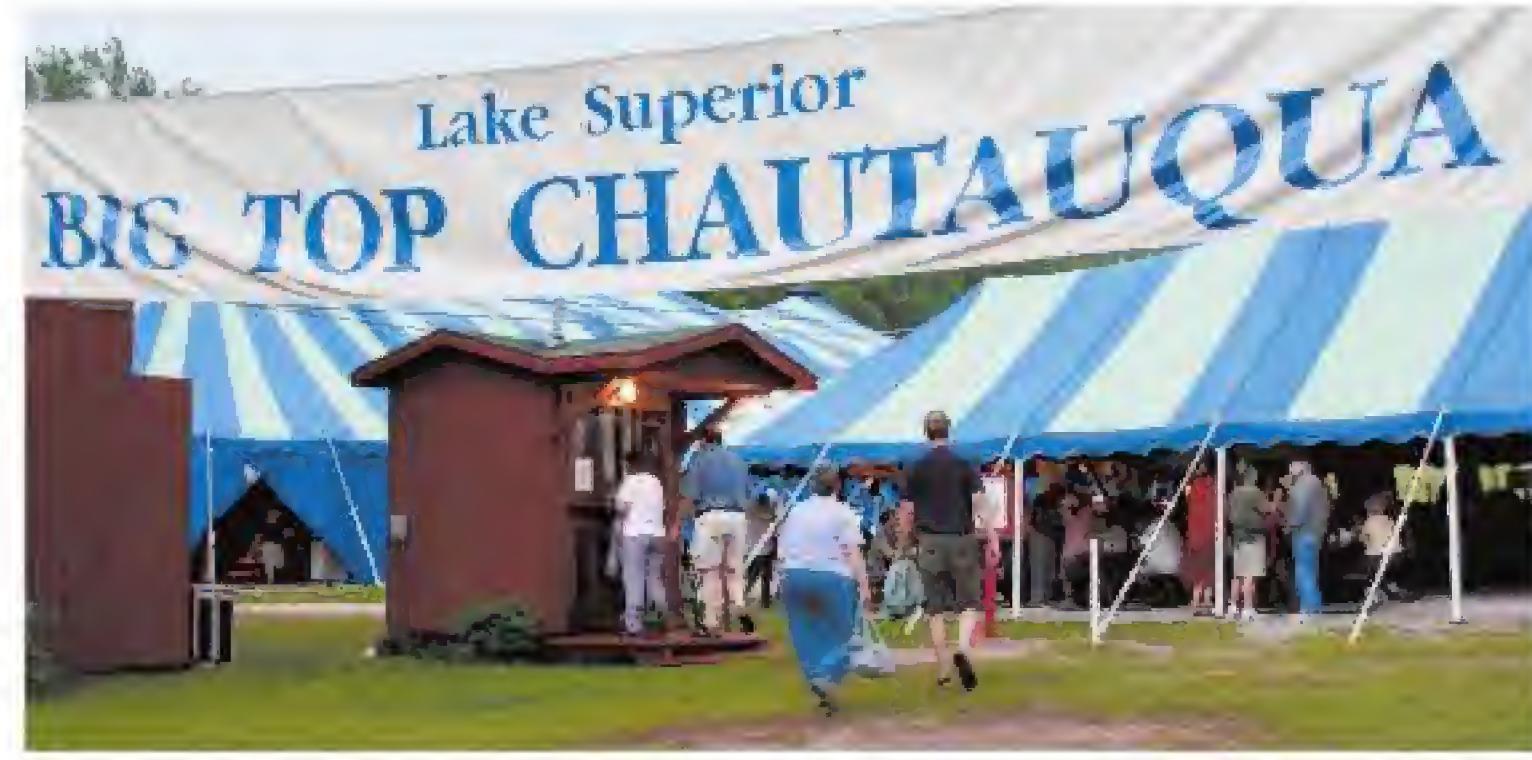
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4 Eckels Pottery alone would be reason enough to come here, but there's so much more.

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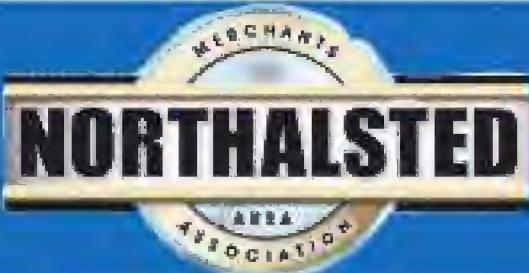
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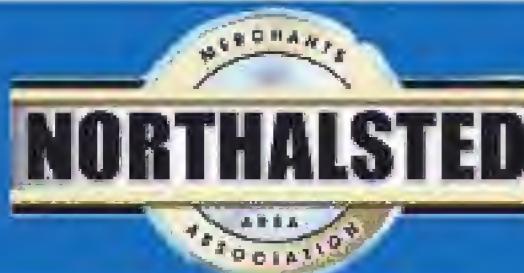


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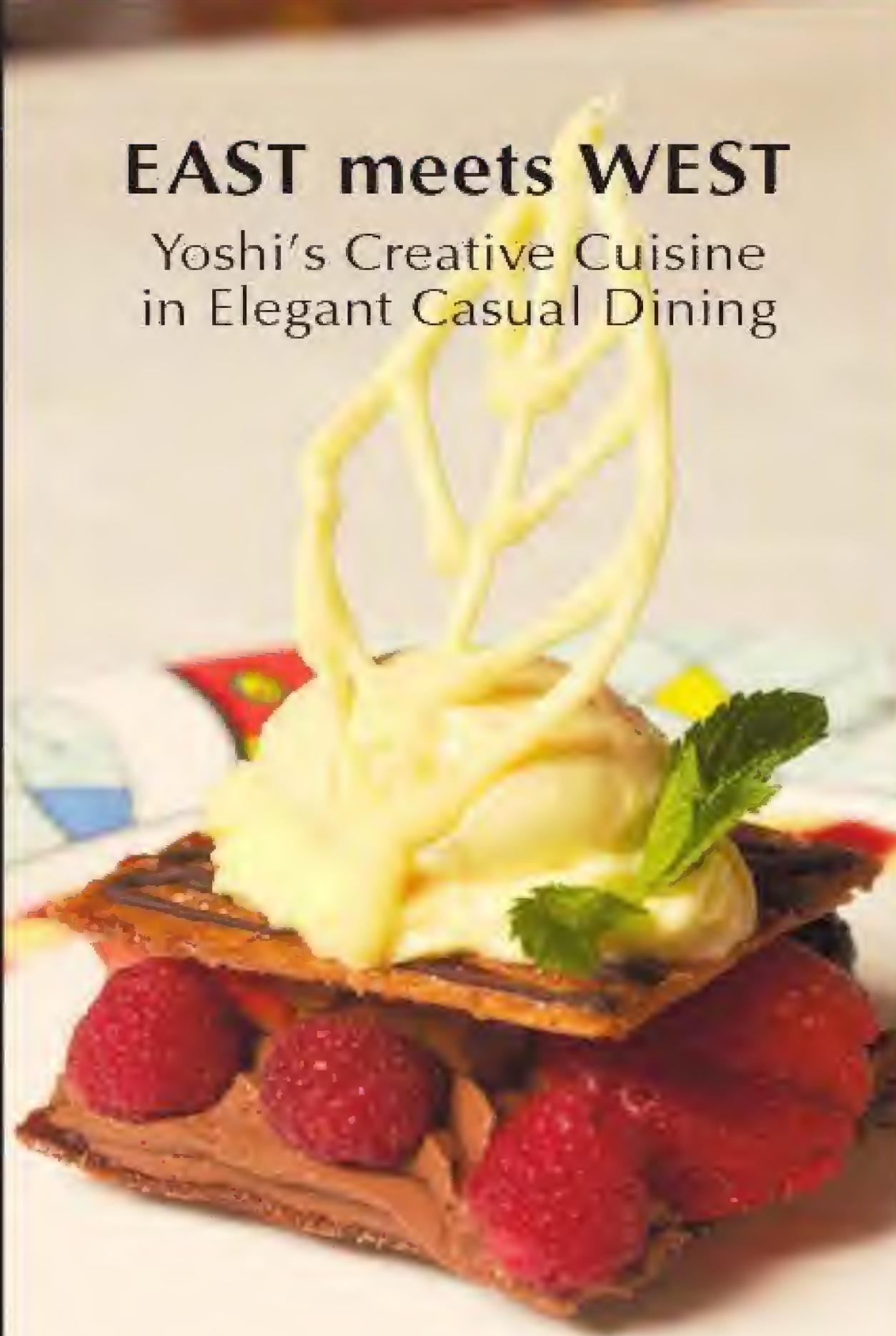
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Put your laptop on lockdown

Los Angeles Times

Travelers lugging laptop computers worry about losing them, with good reason. The hardware is worth hundreds or thousands of dollars, and lost or stolen data could be priceless.

But safeguarding your machine is no cinch. Just ask Luke M. Ford, founder and chief executive of a tech-support company in Scottsdale, Ariz.

On a recent jaunt to San Diego, he stashed his \$1,400 laptop under a desk in his hotel room. When he returned 30 minutes later, it was gone. His traveling companion had left the door open.

Fortunately, Ford had encrypted his data and backed up his files on a remote Web site. He bought another laptop, and "by 9:18 a.m. Monday, my office team had my new computer working with all the data."

It takes just a moment to lose your laptop. By taking precautions, you can reduce the chances and minimize your loss. **SOURCES:** MY COMPUTER WORKS, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Tie it up; lock it up

Would you leave your wallet or purse in full view in a hotel room? So why do that with your laptop? If Ford had secured his laptop to the desk with a security cable, which many newer computers have fittings for, he might have it still.

Travel incognito

Carry your computer in an inconspicuous bag, not one that screams, "I have a \$2,500 piece of machinery in here!" But don't go entirely undercover. TSA employees suggest taping a business card, or at least your name and phone number, to the bottom of your laptop. That helps anyone who finds your lost computer to return it.

Take care at airport checkpoints

» To thwart thieves, walk through the metal detector before your computer goes through the scanner. Retrieve it immediately.
» You might avoid fumbling if you use what the TSA calls a "checkpoint friendly" laptop bag or compartment, which gives X-ray machines a



MacBook Air

clear view. For details on this new option, visit tsa.gov and search for "laptop."

» As with any valuable, never pack your computer in check-in luggage.

Get password-protected

Require a password to log onto your laptop. It's not foolproof, but it might thwart a casual data thief.

Beware of wireless

Data might be vulnerable. In a study released in September by Cornell University's School of

Hotel Administration in Ithaca, N.Y., researcher Josh Ogle said it took him just minutes to hack into transmissions on wireless networks in lobbies and restaurants at many of the 39 hotels he visited, using less than \$100 worth of equipment he ordered on the Internet.

Go remote

Back up your files on discs, flash drives or Web sites so you can retrieve them if your laptop disappears. Many companies provide remote backup services for fees; Ford's company, for instance, charges \$9.95 per month.

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The new Google phone goes on sale next Wednesday.
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Google phone flexes its muscle

G1 could give iPhone a run for its money

By Eric Benderoff

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The Google phone is now the second phone I've forced myself to put down so I could get some sleep.

The first was Apple's game-changing iPhone, and while it remains to be seen if the Google phone will have the same impact that Steve Jobs' beauty has had, I can say this: This phone deserves to be part of the same conversation as the iPhone.

Called the T-Mobile G1, it goes on sale Wednesday.

The phone's debut is significant because Google, like Apple, has the muscle to change an industry. The G1 is the first of what is expected to be many phones using Google's Android open-source mobile platform.

Is this G1 better than the iPhone? Well, are the Cubs better than the Sox?

The G1 is better if you like a physical keypad to tap out messages. If you're enamored by the iPhone's multi-touch controls, the G1 may not impress you.

The G1 is a very attractive phone, even if

it is thicker and heavier than the iPhone. It's intuitive too—in the week I've been testing it, I have yet to open the manual.

The G1 runs on T-Mobile's new 3G network and is largely controlled by a touch screen, but not exclusively. There are three ways to navigate: touch, a keypad and a trackball. I completely overlooked the trackball at first. But when I handed the phone to my wife, a BlackBerry user, the first thing she did was use the trackball.

"BlackBerry users gravitate toward the track ball," said Rhone Rarick, T-Mobile's senior brand manager. "Younger consumers gravitate toward the keypad because they like to text a lot."

Four hard keys sit on the bottom of the phone, with the track ball in the middle. The keys are for making and ending a call, one for the home screen and a back button. Above the trackball is a menu pad that will bring up a set of commands depending on the application you are using.

Activation was a snap: You'll be prompted for a Google account if you don't have one (it's required). My phone was activated—and all my contacts, with e-mail addresses and phone numbers—were downloaded onto the G1 in minutes. Lovely.



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Beware the profiler

Have you ever been walking down the street, sitting at a bar or standing on the "L" platform, and you notice someone but can see only the side of his face? You think, "Wow, that guy looks like he might be really cute."

You stare at him for a while, imagining what he might look like if you had a better view: cute face, blue eyes, nice smile.

You try to maneuver yourself to get a glimpse of this potential hottie, but then he turns around and he's not what you were picturing at all! You were expecting a sexy Abercrombie & Fitch stud but instead got a skanky American Apparel model.

You're looking at what I call a "profiler"—good from one angle only.

There are a few problems with fantasizing about a profiler. You might begin to doubt your taste in men (or women, if that's what you are into). This has happened to me many times, and it can be a bit disconcerting. It's especially embarrassing when I point out a "hot" guy to my partner or a friend only to find out the "hottie" is definitely a hottie. I then inevitably get ridiculed.

I once saw what I thought was a very cute guy sitting in a Starbucks with his girlfriend. From what I could see of him, he was slim, had a cute smile, looked good in a Cubs hat. He was holding hands with a woman, and I noticed he had somewhat delicate features (normally not my type), but he was cute nonetheless. I pointed out this cute "frat guy" to my partner, Brad, who started laughing because the guy stood up to leave, and I realized he wasn't a cute guy—he was a cute woman!

This can be especially troubling if you get caught flirting or making an advance toward a profiler before you properly vet the situation. You may have some tactful recovery to do if they think you are interested when you suddenly are not.

A friend, "Todd," was at Sidetrack when he spotted what looked like a cute guy from across the room. The guy was well built and had nice hair, but that was all he could determine from the back. "Hottie's" friend caught Todd staring and motioned for him to come over, which he did. Todd was shocked when he saw who the hottie was: Not only was this guy not a hottie, but he was also one of Todd's bosses from work. Todd had to switch gears very fast to get out of a potentially embarrassing situation.

Not that it's always bad to show interest in a profiler. I was walking down the street recently, and a guy was walking toward me. I couldn't really see his face because the sun was in my eyes, but I thought to myself, "This guy looks like he might be really cute."

As he got closer, I squinted to get a better look, and I could see that he was in decent shape. I thought, "This guy is hot!" Then the guy started waving to me, and I realized who it was: my partner, Brad. SEX COLUMNIST JASON STEELE IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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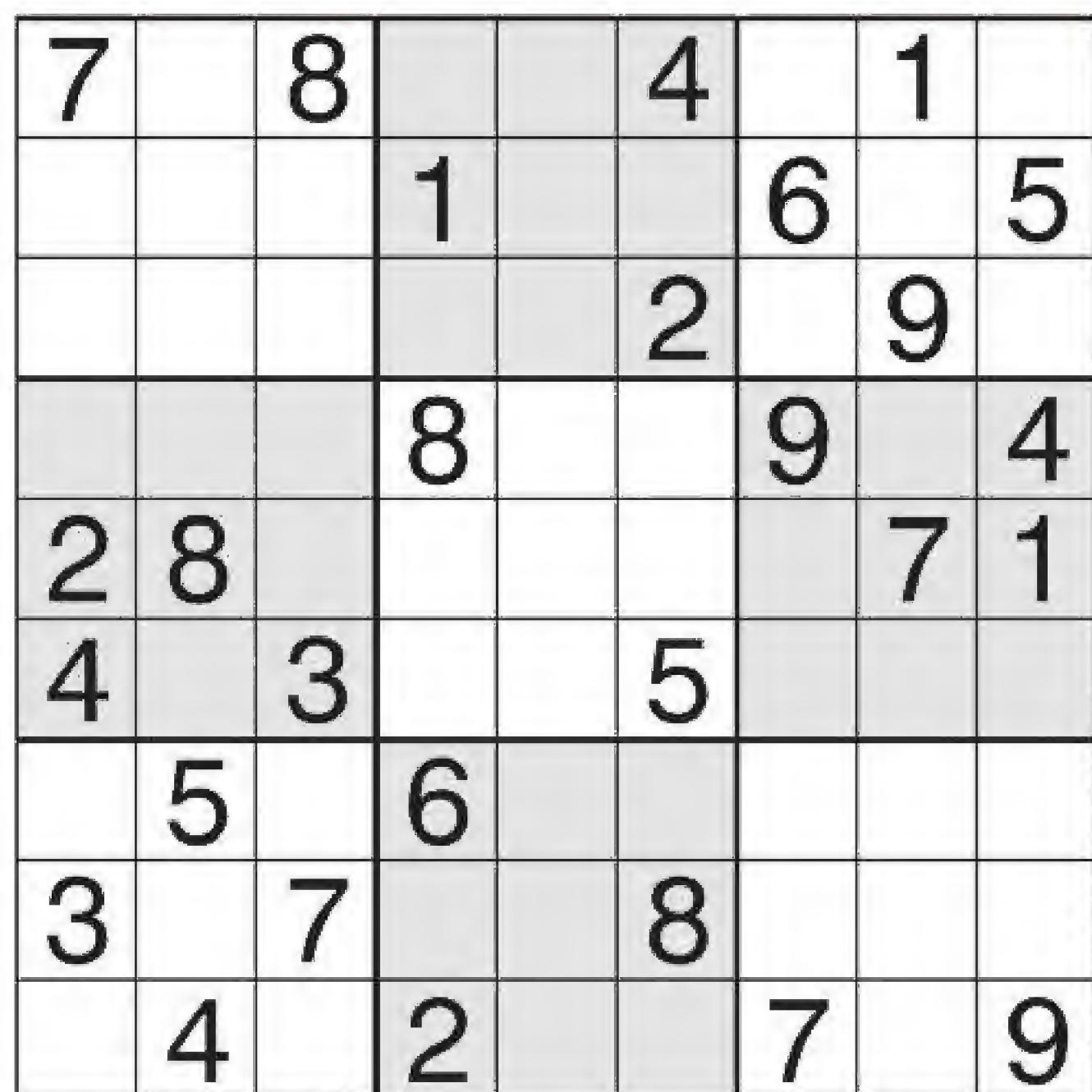
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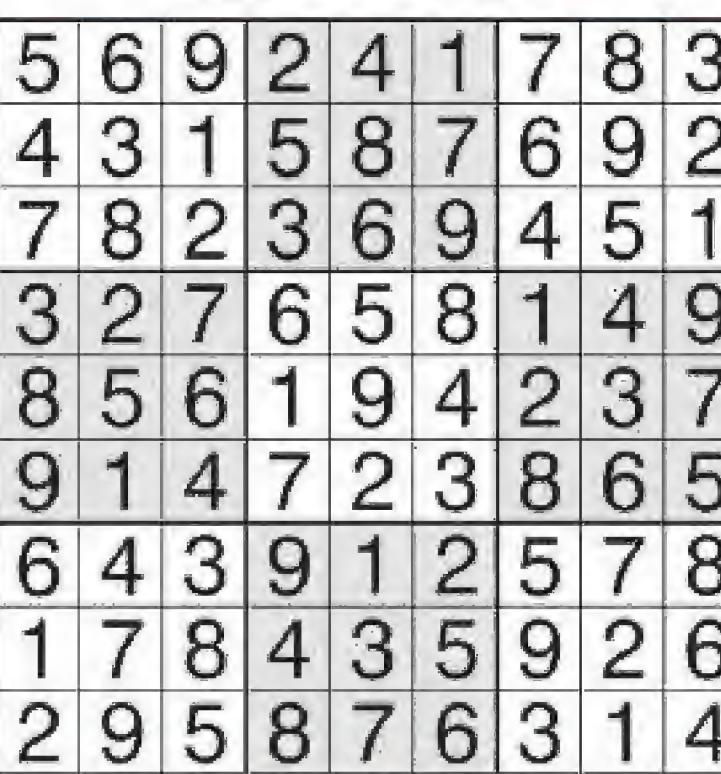
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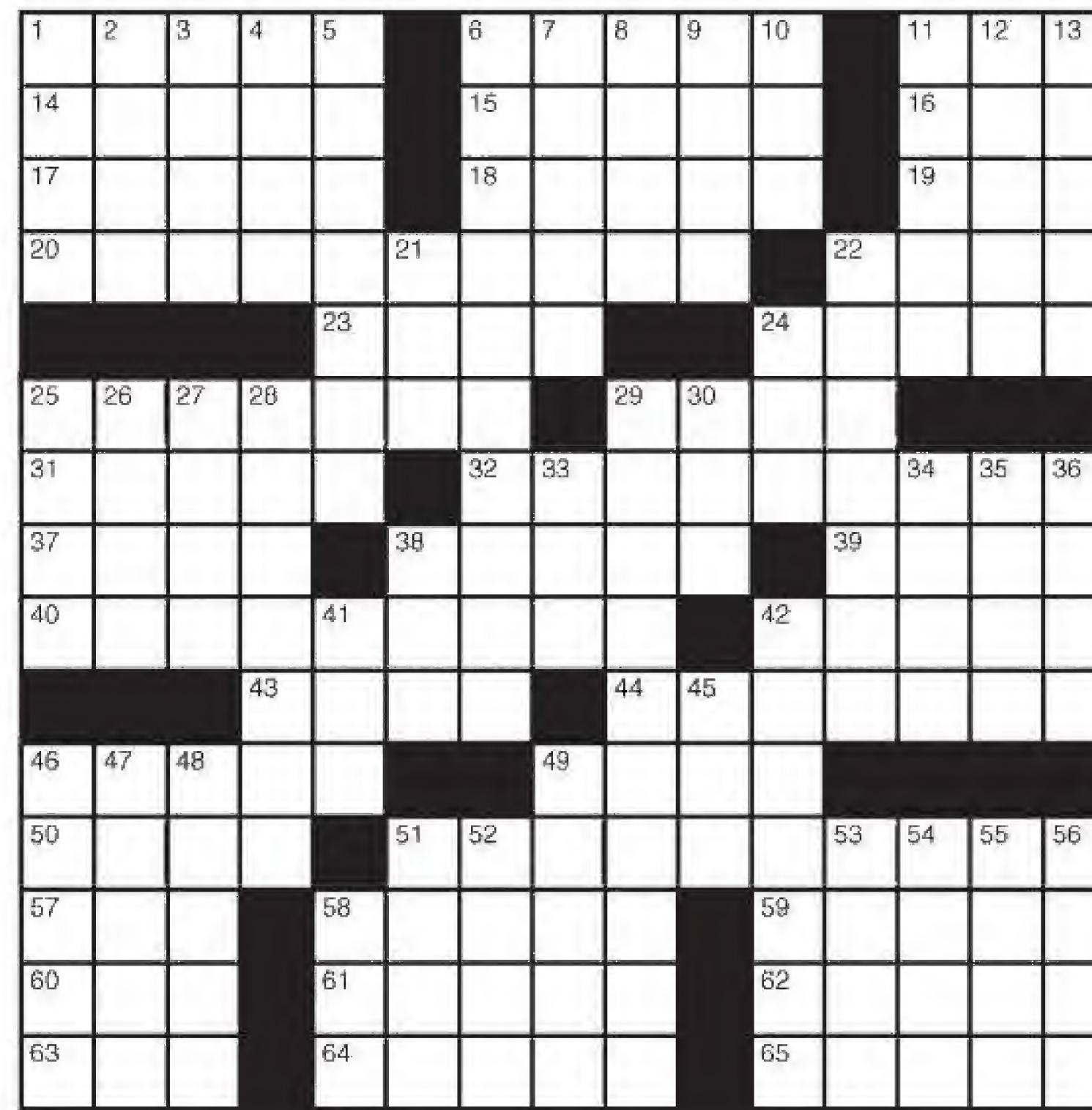
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1. MICHAEL SCOTT

"The Office"

Classic line: "That's what she said!"

Why he made the list: He's just so huge.



2. MR. BURNS

"The Simpsons"

Classic line: "I'll keep it short and sweet: Family. Religion. Friendship. These are the three demons you must slay if you wish to succeed in business."

Why he made the list: He's so bad it's good.

Did you get a gift? Send a card? What are you waiting for? Thursday is

National Boss Day! (It's OK—we didn't know either until, like, yesterday.) In honor of yet another holiday that sounds like it was made up, RedEye is counting down the top 10 bosses in the world of celeb and pop culture. Love 'em or hate 'em, these people put the "pro" in proactive.



3. DONALD TRUMP

"The Apprentice"

Classic line: "You're fired!"

Why he made the list: The hair.



4. JACK DONAGHY

"30 Rock"

Classic line: "It's after six. What am I, a farmer?" (Explaining why he's wearing a tux).

Why he made the list: Two words: One-liners. Or is that one word?

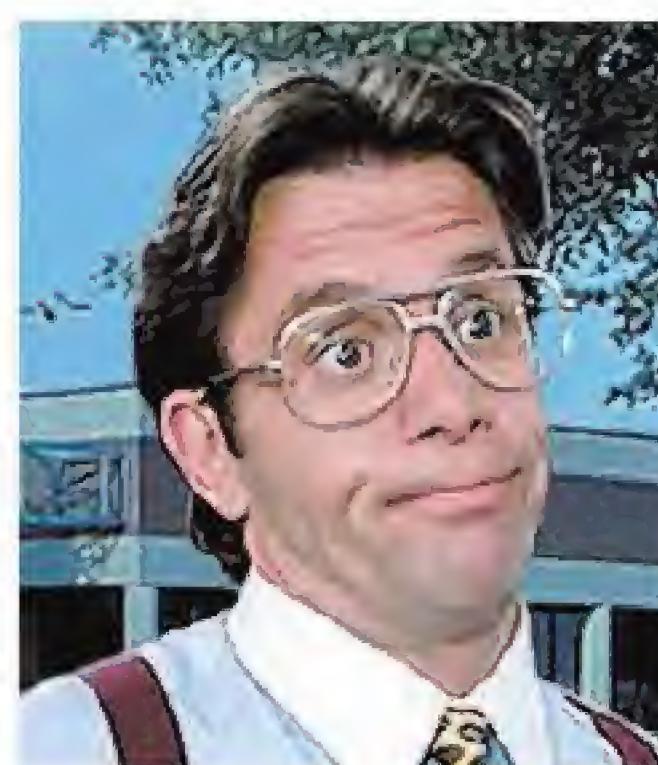


5. MIRANDA PRIESTLY

"The Devil Wears Prada"

Classic line: "By all means move at a glacial pace. You know how that thrills me."

Why she made the list: Everyone loves an ice queen.



6. BILL LUMBERGH

"Office Space"

Classic line: "Ahh, I'm also gonna need you to go ahead and come in on Sunday too."

Why he made the list: Ummmm ... yeah.



7. BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

American pop music icon of the last 35 years

Classic line: "Born in the U.S.A.! I was born in the U.S.A.!"

Why he made the list: His nickname is The Boss.



8. DON DRAPER

"Mad Men"

Classic line: "You do not cover for me. You manage people's expectations!"

Why he made the list: Shadowy past makes for good bossin'.



9. THE MIGHTY MIGHTY BOSSTONES

On the radio, back in the day

Classic line: "Have you ever had to knock on wood?"

Why he made the list: Meh. They have boss in their name?



10. TONY DANZA

"Who's the Boss?"

Classic line: "Ay-oh. Oh-ay."

Why he made the list: He was the boss, sorta.

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Gold-medal 'Gossip'

Olympic all-around gymnastics champion? That's impressive. Landing a guest spot on "Gossip Girl"? That's something to tell your friends about.

That's right: U.S. gymnast Nastia Liukin is slated to make an appearance on an upcoming episode the CW show.

"I was going to play myself, and then they thought it would be cool to give me a character," Liukin told Reuters about producers' plans for her appearance. "A bunch of my friends always watch, so to actually be on it, it's really cool."

For real this time?

Janet Jackson is returning to her "Rock Witchu" tour and—finally—revealing the mystery illness that led her to cancel a string of concerts. Following two weeks of scrapped shows, Jackson was scheduled to resume her tour Wednesday night at the Verizon Center in Washington after a bout of migraine-associated vertigo, The Associated Press reports.

Facing reality

Move over, Diddy—50 Cent is making a mogul move. The rapper is set to star in a new MTV show called "50 Cent: The Money and the Power," in which he will share "the lessons he learned as a street hustler" with contestants vying for a \$100,000 investment from the rapper, the network said in a news release. The show starts next month.

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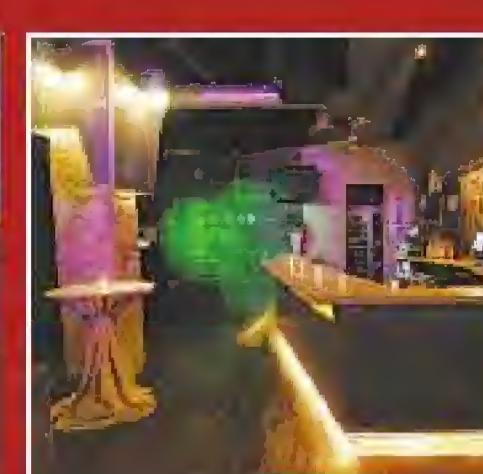
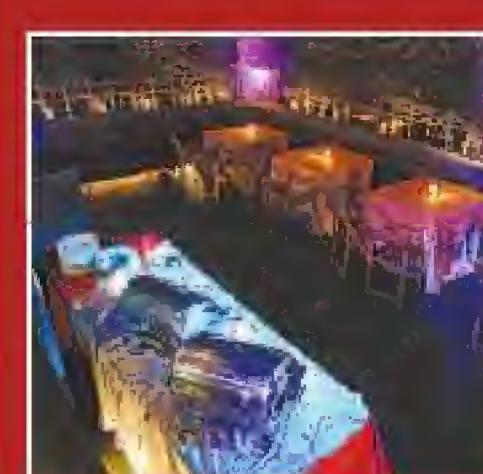
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True blues

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The pop queen and her British director hubby caused a commotion Wednesday after Madonna's rep confirmed the two were divorcing after nearly eight years of marriage, The Associated Press reports.

The news comes after months and months of having to justify their love (Madonna song reference No. 3, if you're keeping score) in the face of near-constant media queries. The Material Mom's rep asked that the media now acknowledge what it feels like for a girl going through a divorce and "maintain respect for their family at this difficult time."

Because nobody's perfect (No. 5), a financial settlement has not been agreed to by the wealthy couple, who also must decide child custody issues.

At any rate, Ritchie will have to die another day (No. 6), as he's busy at work on his Sherlock Holmes movie and has an action flick, "RocknRolla," due in U.S. theaters at the end of the month.

Kind of makes you want to give the guy some kind of hope or encouragement—like, a prayer (No. 7).

Ritchie
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Madonna

SAY WHAT?

"I use Jennifer Aniston as an example a lot in the book. She was a doormat. Angelina Jolie would not have taken my man. I would have fought that. ... He's the finest-lookin' man on the planet. I would have been on that set every single day. I would have said, 'Angie, why are you lookin' at my man?'"

OMAROSA author of "The Bitch Switch," telling the Tribune how women can avoid being doormats

THE VELVET ROPE

Forgive and forget?

If you've given up on Lauren Conrad and Heidi Montag becoming friends again, there may be hope.

Both "Hills" stars were at the same restaurant in L.A. Conrad was celebrating her runway show and Montag was eating dinner with her boyfriend Spencer Pratt, usmagazine.com reports.

Montag was seen talking to Conrad and then the girls hugged. Aww.

"Yes, it's true. Heidi was at STK. She came in to the after-party to congratulate me on the show," Conrad told Us. "It was nice of her. I appreciated it."

CAN'T GET ENOUGH "HILLS" GOSSIP? CHECK OUT LEONOR VIVANCO'S "HEAD OVER HILLS" BLOG AT redeyechicago.com/hills

Jury duty

Stop the presses: Jury selection has begun in Britney Spears' driver's license case! (OK, maybe it's dry news, but it's still Britney Spears.)

The first slate of potential jurors arrived Wednesday morning at the San Fernando Valley courtroom where Spears' case will be heard, The Associated Press reports.

The 26-year-old pop singer is charged with a single count of driving without a valid license. She faces jail time and a fine if convicted, but isn't expected to appear during the case and won't hear the verdict firsthand.

'Runway' winner

Petals Marshall won "Project Runway" on Wednesday—at least according to judge Michael Kors.

"I'm just nervous that you're going to be known as the Queen of Petals," Kors told Leanne Marshall when warning her not to use the same "petal" construction in all her garments. "You're going to be known as Petals Marshall, which sounds like a stripper, not a designer."

For her win, Marshall gets \$100,000, a fashion spread in Elle magazine and a new car, as well as the exposure of being the "Project Runway" winner.

Oct. 25

That's when an "unconventional" weekend show currently titled "D.L. Hughley Breaks the News" is scheduled to premiere on CNN, the network announced Wednesday.

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